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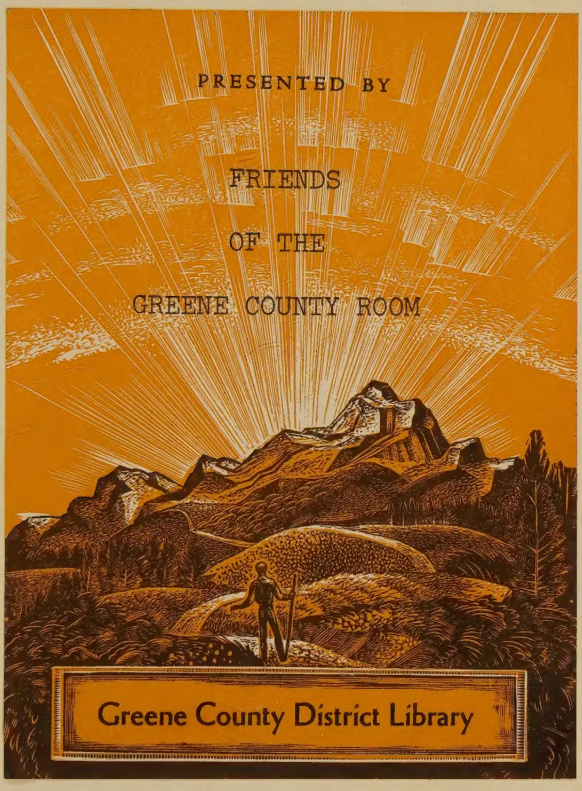
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MONTGOMERY COUNTY BIOGRAPHICAL

Joseph J. Abel was born January 28, 1875, at Dayton, where he is a member of an old and honored family, a son of Joseph F. and Lucy (Ritsteiger) Abel. His paternal grandfather, Francis Abel, was born in Germany and came to the United States about 1820, first locating at Baltimore, and then traveling overland to Cincinnati and to Dayton by canal boat. He was one of the city's early citizens, and assisted in the development of the community's resources. His son, Joseph F. Abel, was born at Dayton, August 30, 1839, and received his education in the parochial school of Emanuel Catholic church, under Father Yonker, who later became bishop of Alton, Ill. His first business venture was as a newsboy on the streets of Dayton, later he was associated with John Balsley, and finally was with the John Rouzer company, being identified with that concern at the time of his death, April 16, 1911. The mother, who was born in Austria, is also deceased. The early education of Joseph J. Abel was acquired in the same parochial school as that which his father attended, following which he took a course at St. Mary's college. When he left the latter institution he entered the employ of F. J. McCormick, who had founded a private concern January 1, 1894, to handle plumbing, gas and steam fitters' supplies, at No. 113 E. Third street, and also had a machine shop in the old Beaver building. In 1897 the supply department and machine shop were moved to the northwest corner of First and Sears streets, but continued under Mr. McCormick's management until February 7, 1910, at which time the business was sold to The Dayton supply company, incorporated with a capital of $150,000. Mr. Abel, during this period, had been working his way steadily upward, and at the time of the incorporation was holding the post of general manager. At the election he was chosen for the position of secretary, which he still holds. The other officers of the concern are: J. W. Downer, president, and C. L. Janning, manager of sales. This is a wholesale business, jobbing, plumbing, gas and steam supplies of all kinds, as well as doing pipe cutting and threading. All pipe up to 18-inch inclusive is handled, and thirty-five people are employed in the modern plant, while four traveling salesmen cover the territory consisting of Ohio and Indiana, where the company's products are in great demand. Mr. Abel typifies the progressive twentieth-century business man. He belongs to St. Anthony's Catholic church and is affiliated fraternally with the Knights of Columbus, in which he has attained to the fourth degree. June 19, 1900, he was married to Josephine, daughter of David and Anna (Fulweiler) Unverferth, of Dayton, and they are the parents of three children: D. Herbert, Rosemarie and Lucille Antoinette, all

attending school. Both Mr. and Mrs. Abel have taken part in local theatrical affairs, and for some time belonged to a dramatic club of Dayton which presented plays for the benefit of charitable institutions of the city.

Leopold Ach for many years was a well-known business man of Dayton, his native city, was born August 8, 1885, a son of Abram and Fannie (Levy) Ach, natives of Alsace-Lorraine. Abram Ach came to the United States as a young man and took up the trade of coppersmith at Dayton. In 1848 he established a business of his own on West Second street, which later became A. Ach & Sons, and continued to be actively identified therewith until his retirement a few years previous to his death. Leopold Ach was educated in the public schools and at Wilt's Commercial college, and then entered business with his father in the handling of tinners' and plumbers' supplies. His business career was an honorable and straightforward one, in which he won and held the unqualified confidence of his associates. In his death, which occurred January 11, 1915, his community lost a public-spirited citizen, warmhearted, and generous to help and sustain by his contributions the higher things of life in his city. He belonged to the Jewish temple and the B'nai B'rith, and also held membership in the Standard club, the Y. M. C. A. and the Dayton Chamber of Commerce. February 24, 1886, Mr. Ach married Emma D., daughter of David and Rosalie (Mayer) Baer, of Dayton, and to this union there were born two children, Rosalie, the wife of Isaac Eisenberger, of Dayton; and Lilian, who resides with her widowed mother at 28 N. Crescent street, Dayton. Mrs. Ach's parents were born in the Rhineland, Germany, and after coming to the United States, lived first in New York and later in California, and then located at Dayton, where Mr. Baer was associated with Mr. Linsey in a clothing business. Both are deceased. Mr. Baer was a member of the B'nai B'rith, and he and Mrs. Baer were members of the Jewish temple. They had two children, Emma D., the widow of Mr. Ach; and Abram, of Atlanta, Ga.

Daniel Earl Ahlers. One of the largest concerns engaged in the manufacture of a special line of musical instruments is The Aeolian company, which has been represented at Dayton since 1905. Since 1914 this branch has been under the management of Daniel Earl Ahlers, whose handling of his company's product has done much to advance its interests. Mr. Ahlers is a Dayton man by birth, training, experience and inclination. He was born May 16, 1881, a son of George D. and Della (Johnson) Ahlers, both also natives of Dayton and residents of this city, the father being a salesman. After attending the graded and Steele High schools, Daniel E. Ahlers took a course in the Miami Business college and his first business connection was with the office force of the Stoddard Manufacturing company. For five years he was identified with the National Cash Register company, also in a clerical capacity, and he then embarked in the real estate business on his own account. His association with the Aeolian company began in 1914, since which time he has capably managed the Dayton branch. The Aeolian company began business at Dayton in 1905, and in 1909 opened a branch managed successively by Mr. Chapman, Mr. Cham-

berlain, W. P. Christler and Mr. Ahlers. The business at that time was located at 131 W. Third street, but under Mr. Ahlers' management its operations grew to such an extent that it was found necessary to secure larger quarters, and in 1915 it was removed to its present location at No. 114 N. Main street, where the concern occupies four floors, twenty people being given employment. The company are builders of the Duo Art reproducing piano, the Pianola player piano, the Weber, Steck, Wheelock and Stroud pianos, the Steinway pianola and the Aeolian pipe organs. Under the direction of this concern are twelve modern factories, eight being located in the United States and four abroad, in addition to which there are two music roll factories. A feature in the company's business is the production of the Aeolian Vocalion (known as the greater phonograph) and Vocalion records. Mr. Ahlers is a member of the Exchange club and the Y. M. C. A., and a member of the Memorial Presbyterian church, and has made and maintained numerous friendships during his business career. September 12, 1911, he was united in marriage with Margaret Ann, daughter of Albert E. and Althea Mary Dieter of Dayton, and they are the parents of two children, Harold Edward and Della Jane.

Chief John N. Allaback. In every large community one of the most important offices is that of the chief of police, and when the municipality is one like Dayton, the duties are indeed heavy and the responsibilities manifold. With the appointment of John N. Allaback as chief of the police department of Dayton, a choice was made that was pleasing alike to the members of the force and to the reputable citizens of the community. Long a member of the force, Chief Allaback had already proven his mettle, and assurance was felt among the respectable people that in the new general superintendent the criminal element would find a strong, relentless foe. Subsequent events have proven the wisdom of the selection, and there is no doubt but that the record of the work of Chief Allaback will be held as worthy of praise as that of any of his predecessors. John N. Allaback was born at West Point, Ohio, November 15, 1857, a son of John Allaback. His father, who came to Dayton about 1861, served as a Union soldier during the Civil war, following which he returned to this city and passed the remaining years of his career as a contractor. John N. Allaback received his education in the public schools of Dayton, and as a youth learned the contracting business under the tuition of his father. For a time he was associated with the elder man, but his naturally adventurous spirit led him to enlist in the army, joining Troop M, U. S. cavalry, in 1879, and for the next five years he wore the country's uniform, winning promotion to a sergeancy. Returning to Dayton in 1884, he worked in connection with contracting until June, 1886, when he secured a position on the police force as a patrolman. From that day to the present he has done his full duty as he has seen it, and promotion has come to him as a reward for his efficiency and faithfulness. From patrolman he advanced to sergeant, and March 1, 1901, was made captain. His next step upward occurred March 8, 1903, when he was made assistant chief, and November 5, 1908, he was appointed chief. A man of force of

character and determined persistency, one who had risen from the bottom and knew the requirements of the different grades, he was the logical man for the place, as his subsequent record has shown. When he took up the duties of the chief's office, he was confronted with some serious responsibilities, to which grave problems he bent his knowledge and experience to solve. In Chief Allaback the criminals and habitues of the underworld have found a stern though just official. There is no room for sentiment in his nature and makeup and if there were the very nature of his position would preclude its use. Playing no favorites, he asks no favors of anyone, but demands that the unfortunates captured through the activities of his office and in fulfillment of his duty, be given full justice. Thus he lives up to the obligations of his oath of office and through his own integrity has brought about better conditions in the congested districts where crime generally has its stronghold, as well as in other portions of the city where the evildoer is not altogether absent. Chief Allaback is active in fraternal circles as a member of Dayton Lodge of Masons, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Independent Order of Foresters. He married Miss Alice Francis, daughter of Amond Francis of Dayton, and they are the parents of three children, John C. of New York city; Wilbur N. of the National Cash Register company of Dayton, and Helen, the wife of Harrison Gerges of Woodlawn, Pa.

Daniel W. Allaman. Inscribed on the roll of members of the Dayton legal fraternity is found the name of Daniel W. Allaman of the law partnership of Carr, Allaman, Retter & Murr. Like many others of the attorneys of the country, Mr. Allaman never enjoyed a collegiate education, but practically fitted himself for his profession and has proven himself and his force of character by persistent individual effort. Mr. Allaman is a product of the farming community of Montgomery county, Ohio, and was born August 5, 1861, a son of David Allaman. His father was a well-known agriculturist of the county, whence he came at an early date from Pennsylvania, and Daniel W. early learned the lessons of industry and perseverance and the dignity of hard and honest toil. Much of his early education came in the school of experience, but he also attended the district schools of the vicinity of his father's farm, where he first experienced the desire for a career in a learned profession. Subsequently he was a student at the National Normal school at Lebanon, Ohio, and at that time became a country schoolteacher, engaging in educational work in the rural districts for five or six years, and becoming well known in Montgomery county as an instructor of the young. This employment was only a means toward an end, however, as Mr. Allaman had decided upon the law as his life's vocation, and his spare time was devoted to earnest study of such books as were at his command. When he gave up schoolteaching, he entered the law office of Sinks & Carr, well-known lawyers of an earlier generation, at Dayton, and in March, 1888, was admitted to the bar. He at once began practice at Dayton with Mr. Compton, but after one year severed his connection and became identified with the firm of Carr, Allaman & Kennedy, which has changed its style on several occasions and is now known as

Carr, Allaman, Retter & Murr. Mr. Allaman belongs to the Montgomery County Bar association, the Ohio State Bar association and the American Bar association. An indefatigable worker, he makes his clients' interests his own and never ceases his efforts until a final decree is rendered by the court. In 1892-93 he sat as a member of the General Assembly in the House of Representatives and also officiated as secretary of the finance committee. In the years 1908 and 1912 he was chosen by the people to represent them as a delegate in the Republican national convention. In Masonry Mr. Allaman is prominently and favorably known, having attained to the thirty-second and Scottish Rite degrees and being a member of the Knights Templar. He also belongs to the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Allaman married Miss Iva Cupp of West Alexandria, Ohio, and they are the parents of two daughters, Katherine, the wife of John R. Simpson of Dayton, and Louise, the wife of Capt. K. R. Kirkpatrick, also of this city. Mr. Allaman's offices are located at No. 310 United Brethren building.

Frank H. Altherr. An upbuilder of Dayton at all times, in business and in civic development, whose influence is apparent today in the business code of the large wholesale drug enterprises, Frank H. Altherr has inspired confidence and won trade for his city, where he is secretary and treasurer of the Whitteker-Gwinner Drug company. Mr. Altherr was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, in a section now within the city limits of Dayton, February 29, 1864, a son of Peter and Marie (Plocker) Altherr, the former born at Kaiserlautern, Bavaria, and the latter in Bergfeld, Wurtemburg, Germany. Peter Altherr came to the United States in 1849, in young manhood, and located in Montgomery county, where he built up an excellent business as a beef butcher and gardener and also established himself in public confidence as a loyal and public-spirited citizen. His death occurred about the year 1894, but his widow survived until July 30, 1917. These worthy people were the parents of the following children: Louise, the wife of William Clark of Dayton; Emma, the wife of Joseph Shaner of Detroit, Mich.; Charles J., who is deceased; William A. of St. Louis, Mo.; Frank H. and John A., deceased; George L and Peter J., residents of Dayton; Joseph of Chicago, Ill., and Linda M., wife of Albert Kopf of Dayton. Frank H. Altherr pursued his studies in the public schools of Dayton, and when he laid aside his schoolbooks associated himself with his father, being for one year engaged in market gardening. This vocation did not prove congenial, however, and in order to prepare for a career in business circles he pursued a course in the Miami Commercial college, after graduation from which he secured a position as bookkeeper with the Adam Schantz Brewing company, remaining with that concern for three years. Deciding to embark in business on his own account, he invested his small capital in a modest retail grocery business, which, under his industry and good management, grew and developed into a substantial and profitable enterprise, and for seventeen years Mr. Altherr continued in the same line, attaining and solidifying many friendships and making numerous profitable and important connections in business life. January 1, 1906, there was established the

Whitteker-Gwinner Drug company, and Mr. Altherr disposed of his grocery interests and became secretary and treasurer of the new concern, which was incorporated for $50,000, and the other officers of which were Bart Whitteker, president, and A. F. Gwinner, vice-president. The business was founded as a wholesale drug concern, with quarters at Nos. 102-110 E. Second street, but in November, 1915, it was found that the rapidly growing business needed a larger establishment, and accordingly removal was made to the present plant at No. 129 E. Third street, where the company has a six-story building, with five floors 22x115 feet and one story 22x80 feet. Twelve people are employed in the plant and two traveling salesmen represent the house on the road, the territory covered being that included within fifty miles of Dayton. Mr. Gwinner died in June, 1912, and July 1 of that year was succeeded in the vice-presidency by Homer A. Ireland. The products of this company are widely and favorably known, principal among which is the famous mineral water known under the brand of Buckeye, and a most popular and worthy product. Mr. Altherr is a firm believer in home industry and backs his policies with his capital and time. He is an energetic worker and member of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner, an Elk and a Pythian Knight, and with his family belongs to the First Lutheran church. November 26, 1901, Mr. Altherr married Jennie, daughter of Frederick Gwinner of Miamisburg, Ohio.

Chester D. Anderson. From the position of errand boy to that of secretary and manager of one of Dayton's principal music concerns would seem like a rather long step to be taken within the period of a few short years, that this has been accomplished by Chester D. Anderson of the Soward-Anderson company is shown in his rapid stride to the front. His career has not been one remarkable for its length, but for its achievements, and few men in the music trade can lay claim to quicker advancement. Mr. Anderson was born at Salem, Ohio, April 17, 1885, a son of Luther L. Anderson, who is now living a life of retirement at Dayton. His education was secured in the public schools of this city, and as his family was in modest financial circumstances he went to work to become self-supporting instead of securing the advantages of further education. His start in life occurred in the music business, where he first secured a position as errand boy with the firm of the John A. Fetterly, piano dealers. While thus engaged, he accepted an opportunity offered to learn the business of piano tuning and eventually adopted this vocation, which naturally led his energies and ambitions into the field of salesmanship. In the latter capacity he went to Spokane, Wash., as a salesman for the piano house of Sherman, Clay & Co., but after a time returned to Dayton and again took up his work with Fetterly, but this time as a salesman. After one year, he joined the big music house of Rudolph Wurlitzer company, and for eight years was identified therewith as manager. May 1, 1918, he joined the Soward Music company, which at that time took the name of Soward-Anderson company, and of which he has since been treasurer and manager. A complete review of

the history of this company will be found in the sketches of William H. and Roscoe Soward, elsewhere in this work. The Soward-Anderson company carries a complete line of standard makes of pianos, including the Chickering, Ivers & Pond, Krakauer, A. B. Chase, Linderman & Sons, Schiller and Soward Victrolas and other popular styles of talking machines; Victor records, sheet music and player pianos and rolls therefor, and a well-equipped repair department is maintained. The Soward-Anderson company employs twenty people and 35,000 square feet of floor space is used for the display of its instruments. Mr. Anderson is a young man of marked ability, whose long connection with the business in which he is now engaged has made him thoroughly conversant with its every detail. Having worked his way up from the bottom, he has gained experience in a way that could not have been possible otherwise, and he is called upon by his associates for advice at various times in the handling of perplexing business problems. His standing in piano trade circles is an excellent one, while personally he is popular and a man of wide acquaintance. Mr. Anderson's religious connection is with Troy Street Congregation of the United Brethren faith. He is a Mason of the Scottish Rite degree, a Knight Templar and a Shriner, and belongs to the Order of Elks and the Kewanis club. Like other men who appreciate the city in which they have gained their success, he is quick to respond to civic calls in movements making for the general welfare, and his work there is always constructive in character. Mr. Anderson was married June 27, 1906, to Miss Bertha Widmaier, daughter of George Widmaier of Dayton.

William Belville Anderson. Varied interests directed with dignified capability, coupled with a keen sense of duty in either business or civic life, are characteristics which make not only for good citizenship, but also for successful and progressive advancement. Dayton affords any ambitious man an excellent field for his operations, and in no line are there more openings than those connected with manufacture. One of these typical Daytonians of high merit and individual worth is William Belville Anderson, president of the Buckeye Iron and Brass works, with which he has been identified since 1876, one of the most prominent fraternalists of the Miami valley, and a citizen upon whom has been conferred numerous honors and who has himself conferred honor upon the city of his adoption. Mr. Anderson was born at Centerville, Montgomery county, Ohio, January 30, 1856, a son of Robert M. and Elizabeth M. (Belville) Anderson, natives of Montgomery county, the former born in 1827, and the latter in 1831. His paternal grandfather was Thomas Anderson, a native of New Jersey, who migrated to the west with his parents at an early day and located temporarily in Kentucky. Subsequently they made their way to Cincinnati, the journey being effected in true pioneer style, with teams and wagons as means of conveyance. Eventually they settled near the present city of Dayton. Robert M. Anderson was engaged in business at Centerville for a score of years, retired from active affairs in 1870, and in 1871 came to Dayton, where he remained until his death, January 6, 1889. He was married February

28, 1855, to Elizabeth M. Belville, daughter of a Presbyterian clergyman, Rev. John L. Belville, and his wife Elizabeth M., and of the five children born to this union only William B. of this notice survives. Mrs. Anderson died September 14, 1896, at Bemis Point, Chautauqua Lake, N. Y. William B. Anderson received his education in the public schools of Dayton and at Cooper academy. In June, 1876, he entered upon his business career when he entered the employ of the Buckeye Iron and Brass works, and with which he has been identified ever since, a period of forty-two years, during which he has rendered faithful service to the concern's interests and a period in which he has risen from a minor position to that of its chief executive. The business now conducted as the Buckeye Iron and Brass works was established in 1844 in a small way by H. L. Shepherd and W. H. Pease, their works being located at the corner of Third and Wyandot streets and now extending from Wyandot to Wayne street. In 1863 W. H. Pease and George S. Ball purchased a half interest in the business, and in October of the following year Mr. Ball sold his interest to George W. Hoglen, the firm taking on the style of Pease & Hoglen. April 1, 1865, Mr. Pease sold his interest to S. D. Graflin, the firm becoming Hoglen & Graflin. Early in 1870 Mr. Graflin sold his interest to Charles E. Pease and the firm became Hoglen & Pease and so continued until June, 1876. The early '70s found Hoglen & Pease beginning the manufacture of brass goods, and in 1880 the Buckeye Iron and Brass works began the manufacture of linseed and cotton seed oil machinery and now the company are the leading manufacturers of oil machinery, included among which are cocoanut and castor oil machinery, and their products go to all parts of the world. The growth of the business was so rapid that it became necessary to increase the resources of the firm, and in June, 1876, the present company was organized with a capital stock of $75,000, with works at East Third and Wyandot streets, their present location. The officers for some years were Charles E. Pease, president; William Krutsch, vice-president, and W. B. Anderson, secretary, the latter having succeeded to that position in 1877. At the most recent election of officers, in December, 1916, William B. Anderson became president; Robert C. Anderson, vice-president; William P. Huffman, secretary and treasurer, and George W. Brunett, assistant secretary and treasurer, while George A. Sauer is general superintendent. It should be here noted that shortly after the death of Mr. Chas. E. Pease, his son, Edward G. Pease, sold the Pease interests in the business. The main building of the plant is of brick, four stories in height and 56x90 feet in size; the two-story machine shop and iron foundry is 66x140 feet, and the brass foundry is 100x100 feet. There is an additional shop on Wayne street 40x90 feet, a new iron foundry has just been built and the plant in general enlarged, and land to Wayne street has just been purchased on East Third street, where it is planned to do still more building. The business of the firm consists of the manufacture of brass goods for steam engine builders and steam and gas fitters. A special department is devoted to tobacco-cutting machinery; linseed-oil and cottonseed-oil machinery is also largely made, and

much of the product of the company consists of specialties. The business is now incorporated for $200,000, and 300 men are given employment, with a number of representatives on the road and a special New York office. Mr. Anderson is one of the best known and most highly esteemed business citizens of Dayton, where he was the first president of the Dayton Fan and Motor company, and is now a director of the American Building and Loan association. In connection with his other business activities, Mr. Anderson has been very energetic in real estate and while president of the J. A. Winter company platted and laid out the beautiful Vernon place, now Dayton View, and it was through his instrumentality that the Dayton View company was organized, which company with W. B. Anderson as president, laid out the lots on the summit of Salem hill into what is now known as Mt. Auburn. He is also president of C. A. Wrishing company, which bought the ground adjoining Mt. Auburn and platted the village of Salem Heights, and he holds the presidency of the Stillwater Home Site company, developers of the Garden city plat. Politcally, he is a Republican and has been somewhat in the public eye on several occasions, notably when he was appointed by Governor Campbell as a member of the board of police commissioners. He is one of the prominent Masons of the state, belonging to Dayton Lodge No. 147, F. & A. M., of which he was master for two years; of Unity Chapter No. 16, R. A. M., of which he is Past High Priest, and Reese Council No. 9, R. & S. M., of which he is Past Thrice Illustrious Master. He is Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Ohio, and retains membership in Reed Commandery No. 6, K. T., of which he is Past Eminent Commander, having held this office at the time of the great Triennial Encampment in the city of Washington, D. C. In the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite he has attained the thirty-third degree, in addition to which he is a Noble in Antioch Temple of the Mystic Shrine. For several years Mr. Anderson was connected with the Ohio State Militia, being a member of the Harris Guards during the strike in the Jackson county coal fields, and later adjutant of the old Fourth regiment. Mr. Anderson was married at Dayton, November 14, 1883, to Miss Harriet E. Cooper, daughter of the late David Cooper, who was for years one of the prominent and successful business men of the Gem city. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are the parents of one son, Robert Cooper, who was born at Dayton, September 1, 1884.

George D. Antrim. In regarding the careers of those who have attained worthy preferment in business fields, it is found that distinctive positions have been gained by many who have been forced to rely entirely upon themselves for their advancement. The traits of character upon which they have depended for the gaining of their awards have been integrity, industry, self-reliance and perseverance, and to these may be attributed the success of George D. Antrim, one of the proprietors of the Gem City Ice Cream company of Dayton. Mr. Antrim has been the architect of his own fortunes, and for several years has occupied an enviable position in business circles, not alone on account of the success that he has achieved, but also because of the honorable, straight-

forward business policy he has ever followed. Mr. Antrim was born on a farm near Indianapolis, Ind., January 27, 1867, a son of Joseph Antrim, a Marion county agriculturist. He secured his education in the public schools of that county, and began his career as a school teacher, for several years instructing the youthful mind in the rural districts. Turning naturally toward commercial pursuits, he secured employment with the Furnas Ice Cream company, at Indianapolis, first as delivery man, and subsequently as foreman. He rose to a place of esteem and confidence in the respect of his employers, who sent him in charge to found a branch of the company's business at Columbus, and after this was successfully accomplished he remained at Columbus as manager until 1903, when he bought an interest in the Gem City Ice Cream company, at Dayton. This business had been founded two years before by Lewis E. Ellis, at Nos. 1005-1007 W. Third street, to handle dairy products and manufacture ice cream. The concern now makes a specialty of the latter, the present daily output being 2,000 gallons, which finds favor throughout Dayton and the outlying communities, and is delivered in eight large trucks and three wagons. Thirty-five people are given employment in the plant, which was erected in 1909. In 1919 the company built an addition to the plant at 1009-1011 W. Third street, which gave them more than 9,600 square feet in addition to their present space of 8,800. They own their own ice plant, with a capacity of sixty tons per day, as well as their own office building and garage. Mr. Antrim's business career has been one in which industry has been rewarded by successful achievement. Imbued with the peculiar tenacity characteristic of the Indiana farm boy, and a determination to make his life a success, he started upon his career at an early age. The word fail was not in his vocabulary, but the sturdy self-reliance and uncompromising qualities characteristic of his rearing were the elements most dominant in his makeup, and his worth becoming recognized he was able to forge to the front and to stay there. Mr. Antrim and the members of his family belong to the Baptist church. He is a Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine, and belongs also to the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias, the Rotary club and the Y. M. C. A. He also has a number of civic connections and is a valued and active member of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Antrim was married January 28, 1892, to Miss Lounora Neese, of Indianapolis, Ind., and three children were born to this union: Guy L., of Dayton; Ethel V., and Charles Dean, who live with their father. Mrs. Antrim died October 6, 1907, and November 13, 1915, he was united in matrimony with Miss Mary L. Crowel, of Dayton.

Vincent G. Apple. Widely known in manufacturing circles of Dayton, and particularly in connection with the invention and production of electrical appliances for automobiles, Vincent G. Apple, as one of his achievements, has the distinction of having produced the first electrically lighted automobile. He is a native of the Buckeye state, born at Miamisburg, January 26, 1874, a son of Martin F. Apple. After attending the graded and high schools of Miamisburg. Mr. Apple completed a course in the Miami

Commercial college of Dayton, and then began work for various manufacturing companies. He was ready to enter upon a career of his own in 1908, in which year he founded the Apple Electric Company. April 1, 1918, he established laboratories and began to produce electrical appliances for automobiles, motor boats and isolated lighting systems, and in addition to having given the automobile industry its first electrically lighted car, also controls over 100 patents and electrical devices. His career has been one of steady and distinctive achievement and he is universally recognized as being possessed of marked inventive genius and splendid executive talents, a combination not ordinarily found. He occupies a firmly established place in his special field, and is a valuable member of the Engineers club of Dayton, the Engineers club of New York and the Society of Automotive Engineers, and also holds membership in the Dayton City club, and is a thirty-second degree Scottish-Rite Mason and a Shriner. In 1896 Mr. Apple was united in marriage with Bessie B., daughter of Munson Dady, of Miamisburg, Ohio, and they have had two children: Edith, who resides with her parents, and Mary, who is deceased.

William L. Apple, D. D. S. Among the dental practitioners of Brookville whose careers have been passed upon a high professional plane, one who has thoroughly established himself in the confidence of his fellow-townsmen, both by reason of his splendid professional equipment and his commendable ideals of citizenship, is Dr. William L. Apple. A native of Brown county, Ohio, he was born October 17, 1878, the third of four children, all of whom are living, born to Peter and Angeline (Brooks) Apple. The eldest of these children, John W., is associated with the Doctor in the automobile business at Brookville. The next, Samuel, is an agriculturist, carrying on operations on the old homestead in Brown county, and is married and has six children. The youngest of the sons, Dr. David, is a dental surgeon by profession, a graduate of the Cincinnati Dental college, and is associated in the practice with his brother. The father of these sons was born in Ohio and was a general merchant prior to his death in 1912. He was a Democrat politically and a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity. His widow, also a native of Ohio, is now a resident of Brown county, and is a devout member of the United Brethren church. William L. Apple received his early education in the common schools, following which he took a normal course, and in 1904 entered the Cincinnati Dental college, from which he was graduated with the class of 1907. His first location was at West Alexandria, Preble county, Ohio, where he remained three years, going thence to Middletown. At the latter place, however, he remained only a short time, for July 20, 1911, he opened his offices at Brookville, where he and his brother David are located in the heart of the business district, their offices and operating rooms being models of thorough equipment and neatness. Their practice extends over a broad area of country and is well established. Dr. William L. Apple has been twice married, his first union being with Nora L. Peterson, by whom he had one daughter, Grace Lavon, now in the sixth grade of the public schools. Mrs. Apple was a

native of Clermont county, Ohio, and a daughter of Daniel Peterson, a banker of Williamsburg. Mrs. Apple died in 1914, and September 12, 1916, Dr. Apple married Freda Blanche Fowble, one child, Margaret Angeline, having been born to them. Mrs. Apple was born August 9, 1894, in Preble county, Ohio, a daughter of Augustus and Maggie (Sheller) Fowble, residents of Brookville. Mr. Fowble was formerly, until his retirement, an agriculturist and he and Mrs. Fowble are members of the United Brethren church, to which their daughter also belongs. Mrs. Apple was educated in the public schools, and after graduating from the Eaton High school in the class of 1912 took a course in the Dayton Business college. Dr. Apple is not only one of the foremost representatives of his profession at Brookville, but is also a business man who has won success and distinction in the automobile field. In 1916 he entered this business as a side line to his profession, and now has the exclusive agency of Brookville for the Hudson Super Six, the Essex, the Hupmobile, the Chevrolet and the Denby Truck, and his display exhibiting apartment is the finest in the town. He has a fine garage, with skilled and courteous attendants, and has made a signal success of his venture since embarking upon it. He started this enterprise with but a small cash capital, but his ability and perseverance have brought him rapidly to the forefront. His volume of yearly business has grown steadily, far exceeding his expectations, and his cordial, genial manner and straightforward methods of doing business have served to at once make him friends and give him standing. He owns his own large garage and beautiful home on Maple street. In politics, Dr. Apple is a Democrat. Fraternally he is identified with Brookville Masonic Lodge, No. 596, and West Milton Chapter, and with the Junior Order United American Mechanics, No. 325, at Brookville. Both Dr. Apple and his estimable wife are citizens whom it is a pleasure to meet, and it is gratifying to be able to present their records in the Memoirs of the Miami Valley.

Elmer Raymond Arn, M. D, who who is one of the rising surgeons of Dayton, commenced his professional career in this city in 1912, since which time he has built up an excellent practice and established himself in the confidence of the general public and of his fellow-practitioners. He was born in the little village of Arnheim, Brown county, Ohio, July 8, 1886, a son of Adam Arn, an agriculturist, and received his early eductaion in the public schools at Russellville. Later he went to the Woodward High school at Cincinnati, and following this took a preparatory course at the Miami university, Oxford, Ohio, being graduated therefrom in the class of 1908. His medical studies were prosecuted at the University of Cincinnati Medical school, and with the class of 1911 he received his degree of M. D. During 1911 and 1912 Doctor Arn served as an interne at the Miami Valley hospital, and in the latter year began his practice in an office on East Third street, Dayton, where he followed the general practice of medicine and surgery. His practice grew to such large proportions in the latter department of his work, that in April, 1919, he gave up medicine, and is now devoting himself exclusively to the practice of surgery,

his offices being located on the eleventh floor of the Fidelity Medical building. Dr. Arn is a member of the Montgomery Medical society, the Ohio State Medical society and the American Medical association. An accurate and cautious observer, as the boundaries of medical and surgical knowledge are pushed farther, he has kept fully abreast of his profession, and his success in the calling for which he has shown such an aptitude has been commensurate with his study and labors therein. He is a Scottish Rite Mason of the thirty-second degree and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, belongs to Gem City Lodge of Odd Fellows and the Alpha Alpha Kappa fraternity of the University of Cincinnati, and also holds membership in the Dayton Bicycle club and the Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Arn was married August 28, 1913, to Miss Minna M. Wannagat, of Dayton, and they are the parents of one son, Elmer Raymond, Jr.

John Robert Arthur, D. D. S., one of Dayton's younger generation of skilled and thoroughly trained dental surgeons, has been engaged in practice in this city since 1914. During this period he has impressed himself so favorably upon the public and his profession as to gain a large and lucrative clientele and to obtain for himself recognition at the hands of his fellow-practitioners. Doctor Arthur was born at Cedarville, Ohio, June 14, 1892, a son of Thomas A. Arthur. His father has been a lifelong agriculturist in the vicinity of Cedarville, where he is held in high eseeem and is the owner of valuable property.

After attending the public schools of Cedarville, John R. Arthur went to Selma, Ohio, where he completed his high school course. His dental studies were prosecuted in the Ohio State university, from which he was graduated with the class of 1914 and degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, and since his graduation he has been continuously engaged in a general practice at Dayton, his offices at this time being located at No. 715 Medical building. Doctor Arthur has continued to be a student of his calling, and takes an active interest in the Miami Valley Dental society and the Ohio State Dental society, of which he is a member, as he is also of the national organization of his calling. While attending Ohio State university he joined the Xi Psi Phi fraternity, and still retains his membership therein. Doctor Arthur is a member of the Third Street Baptist church. November 16, 1916, Doctor Arthur married Golda G., daughter of Z. J. Line, of Dayton, and they are the parents of one son, John Robert, Jr.

William E. Ashman, M. D. Since entering upon the practice of his profession at Dayton in 1910, Dr. William E. Ashman has lent dignity and stability to professional affairs in his locality of his adopted city, and from the start has maintained a reputation as a reliable, careful and thoroughly competent practitioner. He was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, at East Palestine, May 27, 1885, a son of Jacob and Esther (Senior) Ashman. The public schools of his native place furnished Doctor Ashman with his early education, following which he engaged in a confectionery business at East Palestine, and with the means thus gained was able to pursue a course in the medical department of the Ohio State university. After his graduation therefrom, with the class of 1910,

in which he received his degree of M. D., he engaged in the practice of medicine. In 1911 he became an interne in St. Elizabeth's hospital, Dayton, and in 1919 was made chief of the medical department. To him has been attracted a clientele of the most desirable and representative character, and his career has since been one of steady progress. He is a member of the Montgomery County Medical society, the Ohio State Medical society and the American Medical association. Doctor Ashman is a broad-minded and progressive practitioner, a careful observer of the courtesies and amenities of his profession and at all times a seeker of its most intelligent and praiseworthy compensations. He holds membership in the Phi Chi medical fraternity of Ohio State university, and belongs to the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree. April 17, 1912, he married Marie, daughter of Henry and Mary (Alberding) Gosiger, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and they are the parents of two sons: William G. and Robert James. The family belongs to Holy Angels Catholic church.

Frank W. Atkin. During an active career which has extended over a period of thirty years, the activities of Frank W. Atkin have carried him into various fields of endeavor, and in each of those in which he has been a participant he has achieved success. During the greater part of this time his operations have been identified with the printing business, in one or another form, but at this time he is engaged in business in Jacksonville, Fla., handling Florida investments as well as other securities. Mr. Atkin belongs to one of Dayton's old and honored families, and is a native of the city himself, having been born May 8, 1875, a son of William R. Atkin. His paternal grandfather, William R. Atkin, was born in England, and came to the United States when about seventeen years of age, locating at once at Dayton, where he subsequently became prominent as a real estate dealer and hotel proprietor. He married the daughter of Squire Folkeith, Rebecca Folkeith, the first girl baby to be born at Dayton, her birthplace being on the present site of the Steele High school. William R. Atkin was born at Dayton in 1836 and in early life was a harnessmaker, but later took up decorating as a vocation, and followed that occupation until his death. He married Louise E. Brown, who was born at Dayton in 1845, and who is also deceased. Frank W. Atkin attended the public schools of Dayton and also received special instruction under a private tutor, and for fourteen years after leaving school continued to spend a part of each night in study. He was but fourteen years of age when he began to learn the printing business in the office of the Dayton Herald, spending about six years with that newspaper and then transferring his services to the U. B. Printing company, where he remained for four years. Next he went to Louisville, Ky., where he remained for ten years with the Courier Job Printing company, rising during that time from the position of compositor to that of superintendent of the plant. While there he had the enviable privilege of special training in editorial writing under Col. Henry Watterson. Returning to Dayton in 1908, he entered the National Cash Register company, taking charge of all special printing, later went into the executive

offices in charge of educational research, and during the last six years of his stay held the post of publicity manager. In 1917 he resigned his position to embark in the advertising business on his own account, but in October, 1917, received an offer from the Dayton Wright Aeroplane company that he could not refuse, continuing with that company during the period of the war. His broad and varied experience has given him a keen and discriminating knowledge of men and their motives, and of human nature in general, which gives him a clear outlook upon life and assists him materially in his daily work. Always alert, with practical views on all subjects, and with a special knowledge of the value of careful and competent business organization, he is rapidly building up a successful and profitable business. Mr. Atkin is a Mason and a member of a number of civic bodies. He was married December 28, 1898, to Miss Elizabeth McNab, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Boyle) McNab, of Dayton, and they have three children: Rachel, William and Gladys Elizabeth.

The Aull Brothers Company. In the marvelous growth and development of the city of Dayton during the past thirty-five years, numerous concerns, backed by men of worth and ability, have come to the forefront, rising steadily from humble beginnings and sharing in the great prosperity that has attended commercial and industrial concerns of the Gem City. One which is typical of the constructive and enterprising spirit of this period of the city's development is the Aull Brothers company, a business founded in a very modest manner but which has grown and progressed under an able business policy until now it holds a place of marked importance in commercial circles of Dayton, and is a large employer of labor. The concern was founded in 1882, when W. J. Aull and F. N. Aull, under the style of W. J. Aull & Brother, began selling their products, paper and paper boxes, from a wagon in the streets of Dayton. They met with success in their activities, small as they were, and this encouraged the renting of a small place in Hanna's alley, between Jefferson and Saint Clair streets. After being located there for four years, it was found necessary to obtain larger quarters in order to handle the increased business, and removal was made to No. 39 E. Second street. The more commodious quarters, however, soon proved inadequate for the successful prosecution of the firm's business, and it was not long before it was occupying No. 37 as well. Later, further advancement was made, the business at that time being known as the Aull Brothers Paper company, moving into the Gibbons building, at 139 E. Second street, where it remained for five years. In January, 1895, the concern built its own building, a five-story brick structure, 50x125 feet, on West Fifth street. They remained there fifteen years and then built their present plant, corner Pennsylvania railroad and Dutoit street where they employ one hundred and fifty people. The product of the company is known over a wide territory of country and finds a ready market, its numerous superior qualities having given it a recognized reputation and standing. The same policies that brought the concern upward from its humble start to prominence are today followed out, with fidelity and honesty in repre-

sentation predominating. In March, 1895, W. J. Aull, who had been at the head of the concern, while on a trip to the south on the steamer Longfellow, was drowned when that vessel met with an accident, as was also his wife who was accompanying him. He was but thirty-eight years of age, but had already achieved success in life and was widely and favorably known in Dayton's business circles. Mr. Aull's death brought about a reorganization of the company, under the style of the Aull Brothers Paper & Box company, and the following officers were elected: F. N. Aull, president; J. W. Aull, secretary, and A. H. Baer, treasurer, the capital of the business being $75,000. Frank N. Aull, president of the Aull Brothers Paper & Box company, was born, August 27, 1862, at Bloomington, Ill., and was educated in the public schools. He was only fourteen years of age when his connection with his present business commenced, and in 1882 he became the leading factor in the organization of a business which stands as a monument to his fine abilities and business judgment. On January 1, 1918, Mr. F. N. Aull moved to California, and his interest in the business was taken over by J. W. and W. J. Aull, the latter being a son of Wm. J. Aull, one of the original owners of the business. The present officers of the business are John W. Aull, president; W. J. Aull, secretary and A. H. Baer, treasurer. John W. Aull, president of the Aull Brothers company, was born at Dayton, Ohio, March 27, 1866, and was given public school advantages here. When he was fourteen years old he became identified with the paper business as an employee of R. A. Rogers, but in 1885 joined his brothers in their concern. His first capacity was that of traveling salesman, and 1890 he was admitted a member of the firm, but in 1892 left the road to enter the plant, where he assumed charge of the manufacturing department. In that capacity his special talents did much to insure the success of the business and his work was one of the developing factors in building up the business to its present important proportions. Mr. Aull is not only well known in business life but in other avenues of activity as well, and is a popular member of the Dayton City club and Dayton Bicycle club.

Erl Armitage Baber, M. D. The profession of medicine opens to its devotees an extremely broad range of usefulness, for its province is many sided, and that particular phase which accomplishes the more than splendid work of preserving God-given life says nothing of the world of sorrow that is banished or of the happiness that is re-enthroned through health restored at the exercise of the divine art. Those who study it, enriched and mellowed as they are through their association with unmasked humanity are possessed of a priceless ability to answer the command to "heal the sick." Perhaps there is no more splendid work being done today by the physicians who are specially trained in their field of endeavor than that connected with the cure of the insane. This is indeed a labor worthy of the most profound efforts, for the restoration of those afflicted to their families and friends brings happiness and continued love in a degree that cannot be measured by mere words. In this labor, one of the most successful phy-

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sicians of the middle west, or of the country, is Dr. Erl Armitage Baber, superintendent of the Ohio State Hospital for the Insane, at Dayton. Doctor Baber is a man of wide and diversified experience and of eminent and distinguished ability. It may be truly said that he has given the best that is in him to the service of the afflicted of earth. A lover of humanity, with a devotion that has known no thought of self, a broad-minded, many-sided man, he has been able to sympathize with others in both joy and sorrow. His aspirations, desires and ideals have been prompted by sturdy manhood, invincible courage and earnestness of purpose that have animated his whole career. Erl Armitage Baber was born at Griggsville, Pike county, Ill., May 3, 1883, a son of Granville H. Baber. He attended the public schools of Bloomington, Ill., following which he spent three years in a private school at Valparaiso, Chile, S. A., and a short period in the Liceo public school there, and then entered the British merchant marine service, with which he was identified three years. Returning to the United States in 1904, he began the study of medicine at Battle Creek, Mich., and subsequently became a student at the American Medical Missionary college (now the College of Physicians and Surgeons), Chicago, Ill. After two years of study he went to Mexico in the hospital service of the Cananea, Rio Yaqui & Pacific railway, but after one and one-half years again returned to the United States and entered the University of Louisville, Ky., from which institution he was duly graduated with the class of 1909, receiving his degree of Doctor of Medicine. At that time he came to Dayton to commence the laboratory work for the Ohio State Hospital for the Insane, assuming his duties July 5, and continued his professional labors in that capacity until August 15, 1911, when he assumed the superintendency. He entered upon his work with his heart and conscience, as well as his intelligence, and his results show that he has known how to blend all happily. His great, warm, human heart has always been sympathetic, and his compelling conscience has never let him rest until he has made every effort possible to bring about desired results. Because he has been so wrapped up in his work, Doctor Baber has given but little time or thought to outside matters. Resolved from the first to give the unfortunate wards of the state every advantage, he has spent himself in their service, and has worked night and day to study out new methods and to secure a perfect carrying out of old ones. The Ohio State Hospital for the Insane is an institution which compares favorably in every way with like institutions anywhere in the country. The farm consists of 576 acres purchased in 1909; 201 acres are devoted to the main building and its grounds. There were, in 1919, 1,350 inmates, looked after by 100 attendants, and 82 employees are on the pay roll in addition. The buildings of the institution have been largely modernized in every respect, with perfect ventilation, equipment and appointments, and were erected at a cost as follows: Main building, $288,000; employees' quarters, $40,000; kitchen, $7,000; front ward for women, $35,000; middle ward for women, $37,800; back ward for women, $39,000 (the same as the foregoing applies for the men's wards);

women's dining hall, $20,000; men's dining hall, $20,000; infirmary for women, $41,000; infirmary for men, $40,000; convalescent ward for women, $39,000; tubercular ward for women, $15,000; tubercular shack for men, $1,000; power plant, $53,000; tin shop, $350; paint shop, $400; carpenter shop, $6,700; laundry, $10,000; equipment for same, $10,000; industrial arts building, $3,500; cold storage and butter making building, $13,500; pump house, $1,200; store room, $3,700; comfort station (outside), $300; baseball grandstand, $700; greenhouse, $1,500; band stand, $1,200; standpipe, $12,500; horse barn, $6,500; and, at the farm: garden house, $500; dairy barn, $10,000; maternity barn, $5,000; corn crib, $1,050; horse barn, $5,000; hog house, $7,500; community house, $1,500; employees' quarters, $6,000; farm superintendent's house, $850, and silos and water tank, $800. Superintendent Baber's staff includes the following: first assistant, Dr. R. W. Adkins; second assistant, Dr. D. A. Crist; third assistant, Dr. Mary A. Cadwallader; fourth assistant, Dr. E. A. Ryerson; chief clerk, John R. Grey; storekeeper, F. W. Reeves; chief engineer, M. D. Stine, and head agriculturist, R. O. George. Numerous honors have come to Doctor Baber during his career. In 1917 he was president of the Montgomery County Medical society, and in 1918 he was appointed chairman of the Ohio committee for the organization of neuropsychiatric units in the United States Army. He is also a member of the Ohio State Medical society, the American Medical association, the American Academy of Medicine, the Mississippi Valley Medical association, the American Medico-Psychological association and the American Society for the Advancement of Science. He is connected with a number of civic bodies, including the Dayton Rotary club and the Greater Dayton association, is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite and Knight Templar Mason and a Shriner, and holds membership in the Dayton Bicycle club and the Dayton Country club.

Alvin H. Baer. Alvin H. Baer, who for a long period has been identified with the Aull Brothers Paper and Box company, and for a quarter of a century the treasurer of this concern, was born at Dayton, June 13, 1860, a son of George W. and Elizabeth (Hamman) Baer. He was educated in the public schools of this city and entered upon his career when still a youth in the offices of Hanna Brothers. After 10 years of connection with that firm he transferred his services to the present firm, entering their employ as bookkeeper, and through ability and fidelity was given steady promotion until in 1893 he was made treasurer, his present position. This company, which was founded in a modest way in 1882, has steadily grown to be one of Dayton's important enterprises. He belongs to the Masons and with his family to the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Baer married Miss Bettie Wetzel, daughter of Charles Wetzel of Dayton, and they are the parents of three children, all at home: Ellen H., Frederick G. and Charlotte E.

Hon. Roland W. Baggott. Biographical sketches of those who have attained merited distinction in American law have a charm and force in them that commend them to every sound thinker. We naturally feel an interest in tracing the footsteps of those who have

reached elevated positions in public confidence and have wielded their influence for public good. Of the members of the bench of the Miami valley is Hon. Roland W. Baggott. In his capacity as judge of the court of domestic relations and the juvenile court, he is daily called upon to administer justice in matters which, taken as examples of matters generally, form some of our country's most serious problems. Judge Baggott belongs to the well-known southern family of that name, and was born at Louisville, Ky., April 16, 1875, his parents being John W. and Eliza (Thomas) Baggott. He was still a small lad when brought to Dayton by his parents, and here he received his early education in the public schools. After his graduation from high school he enrolled as a student at the Ohio State university, where he took a law course and graduated in 1900, and during that same year was admitted to the bar. He at once engaged in practice at Dayton, and no weary novitiate awaited him as it does some struggling young legists, for success came to him almost immediately and he was soon in possession of a representative clientele. For two years, or until 1902, he practiced in partnership with J. H. Baggott, and then formed an association with Horace Worman, whose associate he was until 1905. The partnership being mutually dissolved at that time, Mr. Baggott began practicing alone and continued in a general law business until being elevated to the bench. In February, 1909, recognition of his qualities and talents came in the form of election to the probate judgeship, and he continued to preside over that court until November, 1916, when he was elected judge of the court of domestic relations and of the juvenile court. Few men who have occupied positions on the bench in Montgomery county have held in greater degree the respect and esteem of the people. His position is a difficult one, in that he is called upon frequently to decide cases of the utmost delicacy and importance, where tact, judgment of human nature are absolutely necessary, yet his decisions have been, almost without exception, received as absolutely fair and just. While his duties are arduous, entailing much work and the expenditure of a great deal of time, Judge Baggott has still found time to enter actively and constructively into movements of civic importance, and he is an energetic member of the Greater Dayton association. He also enjoys companionship with his fellows and is a popular member of the Dayton Bicycle club, a thirty-second degree Mason, a Shriner, an Elk and a Pythian Knight. With his family he belongs to Christ Episcopal church. July 16, 1902, Judge Baggott was united in marriage with Miss Mabel Chaffin, daughter of George W. and Mary (Wendell) Chaffin of Washington Court House, Ohio, and they have two children, James C. and Horace W.

Alva C. Baker, M. D. One of the medical profession of the town of Brookville, Dr. Baker is a physician who has achieved success. He has a good practice and has accumulated valuable properties in the vicinity of his home town. He is a native of Montgomery county, Ohio, born October 12, 1870, the second in a family of five children, four sons and one daughter, born to Robert Henry and Elizabeth (Whisler) Baker. Robert Henry Baker was born in Montgomery county in 1843, and still survives in hale old age at

Brookville. He is largely self-educated, although he attended the log cabin schools of the region in his youth, and when he entered upon a career it was as a farmer. At the outbreak of the Civil war he volunteered as a private in the Seventy-first Regiment, O. V. I., with which organization he saw three years of active service. After his honorable discharge from the army he resumed the operations of farming, and was successful in acquiring eighty-seven acres of farming land in Clay township, just north of Brookville. Mrs. Baker was also born in Montgomery county, and died on the farm October 21, 1913, being laid to rest in the Parish cementery, where a beautiful monument preserves her memory. Alva C. Baker is really a self-educated man. After finishing the common school course he attended the Clay Township High school, being graduated with the class of 1891, and then entered the profession of teaching in Darke county. For about six years he continued as a teacher, being then made principal of the Pyrmont school, a position which he retained for one year, this being followed by six years of teaching in the Brookville Special. During the summer months he took the normal course in pedagogics, and in his leisure moments studied medicine, a profession upon which he had decided at the outset of his career. In 1898 he entered the Illinois Medical college, Chicago, from which institution he was graduated in 1902, with the degree of M. D., and began the practice of his calling at Brookville. By that time he had very little cash capital, but he gradually began to climb until today, after seventeen years of practice, he owns a comfortable residence, several buildings in Brookville, two valuable farms and residential property in Dayton. He belongs to various county and state organizations of his profession, and in a political way is a member of the Republican party. Doctor Baker was married July 31, 1894, to Myrtle E. Rasor, who was born in Montgomery county January 3, 1876, a daughter of Adam S. and Maggie A. Rasor. Mrs. Baker was educated in the common schools of Clay township and taught for two years in her home county. She is a member of the United Brethren church and has been active in its work as an official. She and the doctor are the parents of one son, Newell Dwight, who is in the third grade of the public school.

John J. Baker. During a somewhat varied and decidedly active career, John J. Baker has risen from the work bench of an apprentice to membership on the board of county commissioners of Montgomery county. His is a career which has been one illustrative of self-made manhood and of the value of energy and well-directed industry when governed by intelligence and held in a straight line with a given goal of achievement in view. His early advantages were of an ordinary character and he was forced to prepare his own opportunities. Born at Richmond, Va., April 30, 1879, his educational advantages were confined to attendance in the public schools. He was twenty years old when he came to Dayton, and here, in 1899, entered upon an apprenticeship in the assembly room of the National Cash Register company. Later he was placed in the welfare department of the same great industry, but subsequently resigned his position to accept a more advantageous one with the West Disinfecting company of Cincinnati, for which

concern he acted as a salesman for a period of four years. His next connection was with the Interstate Sanitation company, of Cincinnati, of which he was assistant manager for six years, and then entered the fire marshal's office in this city as chief inspector, remaining two years. Returning to his position as assistant manager of the Interstate Sanitation company, he continued in that capacity until November, 1918, when he was elected a member of the board of commissioners of Montgomery county, and entered upon the duties of that position September 15, 1919. He has rendered an excellent account of himself thus far in the discharge of his duties as a public servant, having the ability, zeal and desire to shoulder his full share of responsibilities and to work faithfully and carefully for the best interests of his county and and its people. He is accounted one of the strong and popular Republicans of Dayton, where he has a large following, attracted to him both by his known worth and a pleasing personality. As a fraternalist, Mr. Baker belongs to the Masons and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and is also a member of the K. P.'s and United Commercial Travelers. He was appointed an assistant Seargant-at-arms at the National Republican convention, held in Chicago in 1916, also represented the Jr. O. U. A. M. at the national sessions held in Milwaukee, Wis., and Los Angeles, Calif.

Taylor Russell Baldridge, M. D. In the present century of expanding horizons in medical science, of marvelous discoveries and undreamed of surgical skill, the profession seems to have almost reached a condition of perfection where its accomplishments are no less than miracles. The modern physician and surgeon, taking advantage of every opportunity for knowledge, must often realize with professional elation his great power over disease and disability and be encouraged in his struggle to conquer the strongholds that have not been as yet overcome. Possessing the steady nerve, the patience that never tires, the trained understanding gained through his long period of special study, he must yet possess, in order to be a successful surgeon, a courage that never quails, together with a superb technical manual skill. In every surgeon's life must come emergencies which make such demands upon him. Among the professional men of Dayton, one possessing the qualities above noted in marked degree, is Taylor Russell Baldridge, M. D., who has become well and widely known in the difficult field of adominal surgery during the twenty years of his practice in this city. Doctor Baldridge was born at Cherry Fork, Adams county, Ohio, March 19, 1862, a son of Samuel T. Baldridge, and received his early education in the public schools of that place. Subsequently, he attended North Liberty academy, later went to Earlham college, at Richmond, Ind., and then took a course in the National Normal university. From early youth he had decided upon a career in the profession of medicine and surgery, but at this point in his career his studies were interrupted by the lack of financial resources, and, just as thousand of young aspirants have done before and since, he adopted the vocation of school teaching as a temporary employment while he arranged matters for the coming years and the continued pursuance of his training. After several years spent in the

schoolroom as an instructor, he entered the medical department of the University of Cincinnati, from which he was duly graduated with the class of 1888, receiving the degree of M. D. For one year following the receipt of his diploma, Doctor Baldridge served as interne in the Cincinnati hospital, and commenced practice with an office at Cedarville, where he remained two years. Called then to Los Angeles, Cal., he eventually became superintendent of the Las Cassitis Sanitarium, and remained in that capacity until 1898, when he returned to Ohio and opened offices at Dayton, where he has since been engaged in professional work, and where he has built up a large, lucrative and representative practice. His special field of work has been in abdominal surgery, in which he has gained something more than a local reputation. He has accomplished some cures that have caused widespread interest in his profession, and upon a number of subjects is recognized as an authority. His offices are now located in the Reibold building. Doctor Baldridge is a valued member of the Montgomery County Medical society and the Ohio State Medical society, and keeps in close touch with all advancements being made in his profession. His name has been connected with a number of movements for the public welfare and general civic progress, and as a fraternalist he belongs to the Masons, the Knights of Pythias and the Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets. Doctor Baldridge was married May 24, 1893, to Miss Nora Barber, daughter of James and Mary Barber, of Springfield, Ohio, and they are the parents of two sons, Estes R. and Ernest B., who for a time were students at the Ohio State university. The former is now taking chemical engineering at the Boston Tech., while the latter is pursuing the study of mechanical engineering at Purdue university.

Charles S. Ball. The director of one of the largest and most progressive candy manufacturing concerns of Dayton and the middle west, Charles S. Ball, has furnished in his career an example of farsighted and well-governed enterprise indicative of the spirit which has distinctively characterized this city during the past several decades. Mr. Ball needs no introduction to the people of Dayton, as his entire business career has been passed in this city, where he has built up and developed the C. S. Ball Candy company, a concern the products of which are known throughout the country. Mr. Ball was born at Lancaster, Pa., August 19, 1879, and was six years of age when brought to Dayton by his father, Samuel E. Ball. He was given his education in the graded schools and the Steele High school, and learned the business of candy making with his father in the firm of S. E. Ball & Son. In 1903 he decided upon a venture of his own and accordingly engaged in business on Bacon street, to manufacture and job candy. Three years later it was found necessary to treble the capacity of the plant, which was established in larger quarters at Hickory and Alberta streets, and in 1911 the business was moved to the Beaver Power building, the capacity at that time being doubled. In 1913 Mr. Ball's spirit of enterprise led him to enlarge the scope of the venture by the addition of a department for the jobbing of soda fountain fixtures and restaurant supplies, and in 1915 an office and warehouse was established in the

Clegg building. The company suffered a serious loss by fire October 26, 1918, and at that time occupied new quarters at 114-118 E. Third street in a modernly equipped plant with floor space of 62,000 square feet, in which employment was given to 200 people. In addition the concern maintains a staff of twenty-seven traveling salesmen, with Ohio and Indiana as their territory. The business also has a department for bakers' supplies and equipment. Its confectionery manufacturing department has the whole United States as its territory, selling to the jobbing trade, and the business includes jobbing confectionery, soda fountains and supplies, restaurant fixtures and supplies and confectionery machinery and supplies. The popularity of the fine and pure confections produced by this firm is evidenced in the fact that the plant has a capacity of 50,000 pounds weekly, and that it is operating to full capacity all the time. A large branch is maintained at Springfield, where a manager is in charge, and three traveling salesmen make that point their headquarters. In assuring their customers of strictly fresh goods, the concern points to the fact that all goods are kept under refrigeration until the time of their delivery. In March, 1919, the company tried a new venture, and one which had already proven a popular success. This is known as the Elinor department, an exclusive specialty shop, which specializes in high grade confections and imported novelties, sold at retail. The entire business is owned by Charles S. and Elinor N. Ball. Thus, throughout his career, Mr. Ball has been in the same line of business and his judgment is valued in everything connected with the candy trade. Under his progressive policy rapid growth and permanent trade relations have characterized his house, and it stands today, a monument to his superior business qualifications, its importance is second to none in its special field of endeavor. Mr. Ball is a member of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce and of the Y. M. C. A. In all his associations, with friends, acquaintances, business competitors and the public at large, he impresses through a pleasing personality and is widely esteemed. He maintains an interest in all that affects substantial progress in his adopted city, in all the cultural activities and material advancement that make notable the twentieth century, and, as far as lies within his power, exerts his influence in these directions. In January, 1899, Mr. Ball was united in marriage with Elinor N., daughter of Frank Werkmeister, of Dayton. She was born in this city and educated in the graded schools and the Steele High school, and is widely known for her social graces and marked business ability. Their only child, Rita Dorothy, is a student at Ely Court, Greenwich, Conn.

Paul M. Banker. In tracing the careers of successful young business men in Dayton, it is easy to see that progressive characters have never lacked for opportunities, and that the opportunities have not signified so much as the men themselves. The problems of professional, commercial and financial life in Dayton have been solved in many ways by ability of individuals. With the expansion of trade, the need of capital for building up and maintaining the many gigantic industries and institutions, there has been a need for concerted effort, but the personal factor has always

been present. During the last few years the real estate business has, naturally, been one which has contributed greatly to the city's growth, and a man who has risen to deserved prominence in this field is Paul M. Banker. Mr. Banker has not had as long experience as some of the operators of the city, but he has made good use of his opportunities, has won the confidence of the general public by the straightforward manner in which he has conducted his operations, and has deserved the respect in which he is held by his associates in this important line of activity. Paul M. Banker was born at Germantown, Montgomery county, Ohio, August 7, 1890, and is a son of Edward G. Banker. His father was for years one of the leading and successful farmers of Montgomery county, and through his industry and good management accumulated a competence which allowed him to retire from operations at a comparatively early time of life. He resides at Dayton, Ohio, where he is held in high esteem. The boyhood of Paul M. Banker was passed in an agricultural atmosphere and his early education was secured in the country schools. Subsequently he went to St. Mary's college, this being followed by a course at Wilt's Business college, at Dayton. He had long before given up any idea which he might have entertained in regard to a career in agriculture, and decided upon commercial life as his form of activity. His venture of an initiatory nature was in the clothing business, in which he engaged himself for a short while, but he soon became cognizant of the opportunities offered by the real estate business, and eventually gave up his clothing interests for what he considered a broader field. In 1913 he started his operations and soon had himself established in a favorable place among the men engaged in that business, and from that time forward has met with marked success. He handles both city and suburban properties and has been broadly influential in building up certain communities and in successfully swinging some important transactions. Mr. Banker belongs to the Dayton Real Estate association, and has taken an active part in the initiatory and later movements connected with the Greater Dayton association, of which he is also a member. His fraternal connections are with the K. C. and the B. & P. O. E. With Mrs. Banker, he belongs to St. Mary's Catholic church. Mr. Banker was married August 12, 1913, to Miss Margaret Mary Roth, daughter of Albert Roth of Maysville, Ky.

Rev. Rufin Baranski, pastor of St. Adalbert's Catholic church, of Dayton, is entitled to prominent place among his clerical confreres, by virtue of his indefatigable zeal, his pronounced popularity and his untiring devotion to his life work. He was born in Upper Silesia, Poland, November 16, 1877, a son of Charles and Antoinette (Baranska) Baranski, and received his early education in the parochial schools of Polish Germany. Later he went to Paris, France, where he attended the Sulpiciens Fathers seminary, and subsequently went to Rome, Italy, where he completed his studies in the Grand seminary. While in Europe, in addition to his theological work, Father Baranski applied himself to a study of electro technical engineering and graduated from Sorbon university, Paris, France, while he likewise perfected himself as a

linguist and now speaks Polish, French, Italian, German, English and Slovak. In 1903 he came to the United States and entered the Sulpiciens university at Baltimore, Md., where he further prepared himself by two years of study, and for one year was a student at the Polish seminary at Detroit, Mich., where he specialized in the Lithuanian language, and June 24, 1906, was ordained into the priesthood at Cincinnati, Ohio. His first charge was as pastor of St. Stanislaus church, of Cincinnati, where he remained six years and three months, or until September 15, 1912, when he became, as at present, pastor of St. Adalbert's church, Dayton. Prior to the organization of St. Adalbert's church, it had been somewhat difficult for the Catholic Poles of Dayton to have their spiritual wants attended to. A Polish priest would visit the city one or more times a year, and thus at different times, among others, visiting priests were Rev. Simon J. Wieczorek of Toledo and Rev. L. Lipski of St. Stanislaus church of Cincinnati. However, for a period of four years, due to various difficulties, no Polish priest visited Dayton and the Polish people, who could afford it, had to go to other cities to satisfy the wants of their souls. Father Lipski of Cincinnati knew by experience of the suffering of his compatriots, and finally brought the matter before Archbishop William Henry Elder of Cincinnati, recommending the Rev. Boleslaus F. Strzelczok, of Pittsburg, who was eventually called from that city and sent to Dayton. Thus was started St. Adalbert's parish, and for two years the Catholic Poles of Dayton continued to meet for worship in the Emmanuel chapel on Franklin street, while they applied themselves under the direction of their pastor to the work of raising funds for their own church. The devotion and loyalty they manifested were worthy of their race, and September 4, 1904, they saw their efforts bear fruit, when the cornerstone of their new church was laid on the property in the north part of the city purchased from Martin Wolf of Mad River township, the Most Rev. Archbishop Henry Moeller officiating. This structure cost $40,000. For eight years Father Strzelczok worked nobly and peacefully in the quickly growing parish of St. Adalbert, until he was called, September 15, 1912, to take charge of St. Stanislaus parish at Cincinnati. Simultaneously, Rev. Rufin Baranski, pastor of the above-named parish, was transferred to the vacant pastorate at Dayton. After two years of energetic work, Father Baranski realized the necessity of securing nuns to take charge of the school, and, the parish demanding the same, it was necessary to build a new parsonage in order to turn the old one over as a residence for the nuns. Three lots were purchased for the sum of $1,500 directly opposite the church property on Valley street, and a new parsonage was erected at a cost of $7,500, a beautiful eight-room home of pressed brick. Three Polish nuns from the convent of the Polish Franciscan school-sisters from St. Louis, Mo., were secured for the school. The St. Adalbert congregation has enjoyed a steady growth, and now numbers 205 families, while there are 152 children attending the parochial school. The societies are in a flourishing condition likewise, and consist of the following: St. Cecelia choir society, Our Lady of Czenstochowa society, Sodality of the

Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph's Men's society, Poor Souls society, Sacred Heart society, Holy Name society, Knights of St. Casimir, Kosciusko Literary society and the Polish Falcon Scout Boys' society. The last five named have been organized since Father Baranski became pastor. The condition of St. Adalbert's church from a spiritual and material point of view is a credit to the Polish Catholics of Dayton, as it is also a monument more enduring than marble to the priestly zeal of their beloved pastor.

James Evans Barlow, city manager of the city of Dayton, is widely known throughout the state as an eminent civil engineer and as one of the best-informed men in regard to municipal improvements and management. During an extended and somewhat varied career, he has followed his calling in several capacities, as educator, practitioner and city official, and in each direction has strengthened the hold which he has upon public confidence. Mr. Barlow was born at Somerville, Middlesex county, Mass., October 14, 1881, and from there moved to Lawrence, Mass., where he received his primary education in the public schools. Later he attended Phillips-Andover academy and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, from which latter he was graduated with the class of 1905, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science. For the one year that followed he taught civil engineering at his alma mater, next being employed in the construction of the Charles River dam. From here he moved to New York City where he was employed on design work by the board of water supply in connection with the new water supply for New York City from the Catskill mountains. Mr. Barlow then again took up the work of an instructor in civil engineering at Brooklyn Polytechnic institute, where he remained three years. Next he became engineer for the Bureau of Municipal Research in the city of Cincinnati, later becoming principal assistant engineer of that city, and in 1914 came to Dayton as director of public service. Here he fully lived up to the reputation which had preceded him, and proceeded to vindicate the faith that had been placed in his ability. March 1, 1918, he was appointed city manager of Dayton, an office in which he has been able to continue the many reforms initiated under the new form of city government. Mr. Barlow is a Scottish-Rite, thirty-second degree Mason, a member of the Shrine and of Mystic Lodge of Dayton, and belongs also to the Bicycle, Engineers', Kiwanis and Community clubs, the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Society of Municipal Improvements, the American Waterworks association, the National Municipal league and the National City Managers' association. January 14, 1911, Mr. Barlow married Miss Georgia A. Manson, of Oakland, Maine, and they are the parents of one daughter, Esther Manson.

Eugene Judson Barney. The late Eugene Judson Barney, for many years a leading factor in the business life of Dayton, as president of the Barney & Smith Car works, was a man who in every relation of life recognized his duties and performed them faithfully, industriously and conscientiously. He was born at Dayton February 12, 1839, a son of Eliam Eliakim and Julia (Smith) Barney,

the former a native of Henderson, N. Y., and the latter of Saratoga, that state. Eliam E. Barney was one of the widely known educators of his day, a graduate of Union college, Schenectady, N. Y., and for a time a teacher in Loweville academy. Later he taught at Denison university, Granville, Ohio, and came to Dayton as principal of Cooper seminary. In 1849 he became the founder of the great Barney & Smith Car works, with which important industry he was connected until his death. Eugene Judson Barney was educated in the public schools of Dayton and in a private school at Rochester, N. Y., and upon his return to his native city entered the Barney & Smith Car works in the capacity of workman. Later he was made superintendent of the plant and then succeeded to the presidency of the company, a capacity in which he acted for thirty-three years, at the end of which time he resigned. In this great industry he built up a vast business through his power of organization and his ready recognition of the practical needs of the world. In the conduct of his business he became a recognized factor in the manufacturing world and through the methods he employed secured well-merited esteem. He had a wide acquaintance with men of capital and influence and was a director in the Fourth National bank, the Union Safe Deposit and Trust company, the City railway and the Davis Sewing Machine company. Mr. Barney was a man who lent his influence to every good and worthy cause as a citizen and every enterprise with which he was connected benefited through such association. For years he was a member of the advisory boards of the Y. M. C. A. and a trustee of the Miami Valley hospital, as well as a member and trustee of the First Baptist church. He built and donated science hall at Denison university in memory of his father, and when this was destroyed by fire, in March, 1905, it was immediately rebuilt by him. In the spring of 1917 the university conferred upon him the degree of LL.D. Mr. Barney was a member of the Dayton club and was a Mason and Knight Templar. In every respect the career and activities of Mr. Barney brought him before the people of Dayton in a way that will not soon be forgotten, and he was never found lacking in any of the essentials of the truly great man. His death, which occurred September 4, 1917, was sincerely mourned throughout the city. Mr. Barney was married February 12, 1862, to Miss Martha Belle Huffman, who died January 3, 1906, and they became the parents of the following children: Anna B., the wife of G. H. Gorman of Dayton; Julia S., who is deceased; Mary Elizabeth, the wife of H. N. Reynolds of Dayton, and Edward E., deceased. He was again married to Mrs. Eleanor Musselman of Dayton, who survives him.

G. Harries Gorman was born at Dayton January 13, 1861, a son of Jonathan Harshman and Rosetta (Harries) Gorman. He was educated in the public schools and was first employed by Patterson & Gebhart and then by A. C. Marshall, in the tobacco business. After leaving the latter he became associated as an official with the Davis Sewing Machine company for several years, and at this time is president of the Auto-Motive Wheel company of Dayton, and a director of the city railway. He is a member of the Dayton Country and Buz Fuz clubs, is a Scottish Rite Mason of the thirty-second

degree and a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Y. M. C. A., in the latter of which he holds membership on the board of directors. Mr. Gorman is a vestryman of Christ Episcopal church. February 9, 1888, he married Anna B., daughter of Eugene Judson Barney, and they have had three children: Eugenie and Katherine, twins, who are deceased, and Eugene Judson. Eugene Judson Gorman was born at Dayton, where he received his early education in the public schools, then taking a course at Pomfret (Conn.) Preparatory school. In 1915 he graduated from Harvard university with the degree of D. S. May 18, 1918, he married Armenal Prindle, daughter of Charles Morgan and Anna (Stoddard) Wood of Dayton.

Louis G. Battelle, a certified public accountant and vice-president of the Ohio Society of Certified Accountants, has won his present standing in his calling through natural ability and faithful performance of the work entrusted to him. He was born in Marietta, Ohio, April 1, 1866, a son of A. B. Battelle. Mr. Battelle's educational training was confined to that offered by the public schools of Marietta and Bellaire, Ohio, and after he completed his school days he became bookkeeper for the Bellaire Goblet company and later was auditor for the United States Glass company of Pittsburg, Pa. Still later he was secretary and treasurer of the Novelty Stamping company of Bellaire. In 1910 he severed his relations with the last named company and came to Dayton, Ohio, and becoming a certified public accountant is now established in offices at Nos. 805 to 807 Dayton Savings and Trust building. He specializes on installing cost and accounting systems and auditing. Mr. Battelle is also vice-president of the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants and instructor of higher auditing in the Y. M. C. A. institute. For some years Mr. Battelle has been a member of the official board of stewards of Grace Methodist Episcopal church of Dayton, with which he connected himself on coming to the city. He is a Mason and also belongs to the Kiwanis club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Y. M. C. A. June 28, 1887, Mr. Battelle was united in marriage with Miss Anna Sellers, a daughter of J. W. Sellers of Bellaire, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Battelle have the following children: Gordon S., who is a resident of Dayton; Margaret, who is the wife of Rev. J. W. Sillars of Crawfordsville, Ind.; Donald D., who was a sergeant in the Thirty-seventh Division, One Hundred and Forty-seventh Field Hospital, and served in France, and Laura M., who is at home.

Louis E. Bauman. Although changes have been effected in the nomenclature of various important Dayton business houses, many of them are in reality the same concerns that were founded during the early days of the city's history, and some have the added advantage of being governed by members of the same family who were originally responsible for their establishment. The advantages of such conditions are easily determined and are usually readily recognized, for interest is always sustained and old standards maintained when no radical changes have been effected in the management. Among other houses of its kind in Dominant Dayton the one operating under the title of the Bauman Bakery not only is a leader of its kind at Dayton and the surrounding territory, but is the outgrowth

of the business which was founded in 1857 by the late Erhardt Bauman. Erhardt Bauman was born July 31, 1831, in Bavaria, Germany, and after receiving a public school education served a short apprenticeship to the baker's trade. He did not see an appreciably bright future before him in his native land and therefore decided to emigrate to the United States whence he came at the age of seventeen years. Locating at Dayton, he readily found employment and, being an industrious, capable and willing lad, soon made friends and secured advancement. After several years of hard work and careful saving, he accumulated sufficient means with which to establish himself in business as the proprietor of a small brewery, but subsequently gave up this enterprise in favor of a bakery, and in 1857 became the founder of the present business at the present location, Nos. 433-447 W. Third street. His initial effort was of necessity a modest one, but the excellence of his goods, the straightforwardness of his business methods and his untiring and persevering energy brought him success, and at the time of his retirement, in 1882, he was one of the well-to-do men of his community and a self-made business man who had worked his way to affluence through his own efforts. He had the satisfaction of having seen, five years before his retirement, the erection of a handsome plant, in its size and equipment something far beyond the modest dream of his earlier years. Mr. Bauman continued to live in quiet retirement at his comfortable home until his death, which occurred in April, 1894. He was greatly respected and esteemed by his associates, and those who knew him in business circles accounted him a man of the strictest integrity and probity, leaving to his family the priceless heritage of an honored name. He was a faithful member of Emanuel Catholic church, and in his political views a Republican. Mr. Bauman married Miss Mary Koch, who was born in Germany, and she survives him and makes her home at No. 526 W. Second street, Dayton. They became the parents of the following children: Adolph L., who is deceased; Rosie M., the widow of R. W. Koellsch of Dayton; Oscar W. of Dayton, now a partner in the bakery business; Louis E., also a partner in the business, and Emma L., deceased, who was the wife of Reuben P. Burkhardt of Dayton. At the time of the retirement of Erhardt Bauman, in 1882, his two sons, Adolph and Oscar, succeeded him in the management, and when the former died, Louis E. Bauman, another son, entered the firm. Owing to business conditions at the time, in 1892, the business was sold to the National Biscuit company, but after 12 years, in 1904, the brothers again bought the business and have continued to operate the plant with great success ever since, another partner, E. Walter Bauman, a son of Oscar W., having been admitted. Louis E. Bauman was educated in the public schools of Dayton and prior to his entrance into the firm was his father's bookkeeper. He is a member of Emmanuel Catholic church. The elder Bauman left behind him a potent influence not only for his immediate family, but those who for years had enjoyed association with him. His standards were extremely high and his sons have endeavored to live up to them in the conduct of their business. To him integrity and uprightness were more than material prosper-

ity, and his descendants have proved that the one is not incompatible with the other.

Oscar W. Bauman. Among the highly respected business men who passed their entire lives at Dayton and who, in their deaths, left behind them honorable records of business integrity and constructive citizenship, one who had a wide acquaintance in business circles was the late Oscar W. Bauman. He was essentially a Dayton man, a product of its city schools and of its business marts, and he never cared to extend his activities beyond its environs. He was born in the city April 27, 1860, a son of the late Erhardt and Mary (Koch) Bauman. His parents, natives of Germany, emigrated to the United States some time during the '50s, and located at Dayton, where the father embarked in the bakery business in a small way. He possessed thrift and industry, gradually built up a good business, and in the evening of life retired from active affairs to spend the remainder of his career in the enjoyment of the fruits of his early labors. He and his wife were the parents of five children: Adolph, who is deceased; Rosa, the widow of William Koellsch of Dayton; Oscar W.; Louis E., a resident of Dayton, and Emma L., who is deceased. Oscar W. Bauman was given good educational advantages in his youth, attending first the parochial schools of Emmanuel church and subsequently going to St. Mary's college. When he graduated from the latter institution, he was given the choice of several vocations, but chose to follow the same business in which his father had made a success and placed himself under the elder man's instruction for preparing him to enter that line. He proved an apt pupil, both as to mechanical skill and business ability, and by the time the elder man was ready to retire was perfectly capable of stepping into his shoes and continuing the business in a manner worthy of its good name. He maintained the policy of business fairness which had been established by his father, and his straightforward dealings gave him standing and an excellent reputation in business circles, where his word was considered as good as his deed. Not only was he able to carry on the business in a way that held all the old patrons, but he gradually built it up to much larger proportions, so that at the time of his death he had a highly profitable establishment. Mr. Bauman's last illness terminated in his death, December 6, 1918, when he was fifty-eight years of age. He had been a faithful member of Sacred Heart Catholic church, and was affiliated with the Knights of Columbus fraternity, in addition to which he held membership in the old Cosmopolitan club of Dayton, among the members of which he had many warm and appreciative friends. As a citizen he assisted all good movements, and while never an office-seeker, took a keen and intelligent interest in the events of the day. Mr. Bauman was married May 29, 1883, to Miss Louise Mary Walker, who was born at Dayton and educated in the parochial schools of Trinity Catholic church. Her parents were John B. and Alein (Becher) Walker of Dayton, natives of Germany, now deceased. They came many years ago to Dayton, where Mr. Walker engaged in business in the east end of Dayton. Mr. and Mrs. Bauman had two sons: E. Walter, of Dayton, and J. Oscar, deceased. Mrs. Bauman, who survives her hus-

band, is a most estimable woman, with numerous friends, resides in an attractive home on North boulevard.

R. Otto Baumann. High rank in the legal profession has long distinguished Dayton, and the bar of this city numbers among its members many men whose achievements have gained them much more than local reputation. Among the ambitious, alert and enterprising attorneys who have taken advantage of the opportunities offered in this city for professional advancement and thereby attained a large measure of success, is R. Otto Baumann. During a period of twenty-seven years he has been identified with much of the important litigation that has come before the courts and has not only won the confidence of a large clientele, but has attained such prestige in his profession that he has been twice elected president of the Montgomery County Bar association. Mr. Baumann was born at Dayton June 30, 1870, a son of Clement L. and Maria (Schneider) Baumann. Clement L. Baumann, the father of Otto, held many important offices in Dayton, being at one time mayor of the city; he also served as president of the board of education. He was given a public school education, but did not have the finances with which to carry him through college or a law school and therefore was compelled to gain his knowledge of his cherished profession in the best way he could. He secured the position of librarian in the County Law library and thus had access to the books from which the knowledge could be gained. While discharging his duties he found time to study, proved an apt scholar with a retentive mind, and in 1891, when only twenty-one years of age, was admitted to the bar. He at once began practice at Dayton in partnership with John M. Sprigg, but after three years this partnership was mutually dissolved, and since then Mr. Baumann has carried on a general practice alone, his offices being located in the Riebold building. As a lawyer Mr. Baumann is energetic, industrious and well grounded in the principles of every department of his profession. He is a member of the Montgomery County Bar association, Lawyers' club and Federal Bar association, and of the Masonic fraternity. He belongs to the self-made class, and is an excellent example of what a strong, steadfast man can accomplish. His professional services have ever been discharged with a keen sense of conscientious obligation, and his work has brought him ample recompense as a reward. Although vitally interested in all that pertains to modern progress along every line and carefully watchful of the events which, at the present day, are history making, Mr. Baumann is not an ardent politician. Mr. Baumann, in September, 1902, married Miss Rose M. Miller, a native of Baltimore, Md.

Elwood C. Baver. In business circles of Dayton the name of Elwood C. Baver is recognized as that of one of the capable and energetic participants in affairs who has relied solely upon his own efforts to work himself to a position of business supremacy, who has made his own opportunities, and who has in recent years been so situated as to be able to gain appreciation of his abilities. A resident of Dayton since 1900, during the intervening score of years he has been identified with several leading business estab-

lishments, and at the present time is treasurer of the James Saunders company. Mr. Baver was born at Miamisburg, Ohio, July 22, 1883, a son of George C. Baver. The family has long been well known in Montgomery county and its members have for the most part been agriculturally occupied, although there have been exceptions in the way of business and professions. George C. Baver was a native of Montgomery county, where he passed his life as an industrious tiller of the soil, and where his death occurred some years ago. The public schools of Washington township, Montgomery county, furnished the nucleus for the education of Elwood C. Baver, and subsequently he attended the Centerville high school. He was reared as the son of an agriculturist, but the routine of the farm held out no attractions to him, and, with the determination to make a name for himself in business affairs, he came to Dayton in 1900 and entered upon a course at Jacobs' Business college. Thus prepared, he secured a position as bookkeeper in the Dayton plant of the Globe Iron works, with which his labors were associated for six years, and when he severed his connection with that business, it was to accept a like position with the Miami Valley Leaf Tobacco company. His connection with this concern also extended over a period covering six years, and eventually he resigned to become bookkeeper for the James Saunders company. In 1914, in partnership with E. L. McCleary, he became, by purchase, one of the owners of the business. He has since acted in the capacity of treasurer, and has been one of the main factors in building the business of the concern up to large proportions. Mr. Baver is a business man of experience, energy, zeal and progressive ideas, and his record is a long and honorable one, giving him alike the respect and esteem of his associates and the confidence of the public. He is a member of the First Lutheran church and of the Y. M. C. A., and has been active in his labors therein and generous in his contributions. He belongs also to the Electric club, and as a fraternalist affiliates with Mystic Lodge of the Masonic order, in which he has attained the Scottish Rite and Shriner's degree, and is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and Elks. He was made a director and secretary of the Gem City Automobile Sales company, organized in February, 1919, and located at Stratford and Monument avenues, Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Baver was married September 12, 1910, at Dayton, to Miss Florence Spindler, daughter of Charles Spindler, of this city. They are the parents of two children: Robert E. and Charles A., the former attending public school.

Martin Luther Beard. One of the most widely known newspaper men and political writers of the middle west, Martin Luther Beard, of Dayton, is also a Democrat of advanced position and widely known as treasurer of Montgomery county. His journalistic experience has extended over a period of many years, and since 1914 he has assisted in moulding public opinion in the capacity of political editor of the Dayton News. Mr. Beard was born near Eldorado, Preble county, Ohio, November 14, 1868, a son of Jacob and Mary (Byers) Beard. His education was secured in the public schools of his native community, and at Wittenberg college, where he was graduated in the class of 1892, with the degrees of Bachelor

of Arts and Master of Arts. Choosing journalism as his profession for a time he was connected with the Dayton Press, and subsequently with the Dayton News, but circumstances were such that his earlier efforts were not productive of success in the newspaper line, and for a time he devoted his talents to school teaching. For a period he taught in the high school at Franklin, later becoming superintendent of schools at Fairfield, Greene county, Ohio. However, the journalistic instinct and inclination were too strong to be denied, and Mr. Beard returned to newspaper life with the Dayton Journal, of which he became city editor and later managing editor. In 1914 he joined the Dayton News as political editor, a capacity in which he has continued to act to the present time. Mr. Beard is a strong and virile writer, and few men are in closer touch with the political situation, both local and national, than he. Combined with a righteous sense of civic duty and unflagging interest in the affairs of his municipality, he has had a vast experience with people and affairs, and has made an enviable record of achievement in contributing to the general welfare. Long an uncompromising Democrat, he has wielded more than a passing influence in the ranks of his party, and the general confidence in which he is held was exemplified by his fellow-citizens in the elections of 1919, when he was chosen as treasurer of Montgomery county, his term starting September 1 of that year. For several years Mr. Beard, who has a wide acquaintance and many warm friendships among newspaper men, was president of the Dayton Press club. He is a Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner, and an active worker and member of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Fred P. Beaver. During a period of almost fifty years, Fred P. Beaver was identified with the business interests of Dayton, where his connection with leading concerns made his name one of the best and most favorably known in business circles. Of more recent years he has lived in retirement, but the firms which his excellent business ability built up and substantially established are still in operation as monuments to the industry, good judgment and sound capacity of their builder. Mr. Beaver was born at Dayton, November 29, 1845, a son of John Nicholas F. and Caroline (Snyder) Beaver, the former born near Chambersburg, Pa., February 17, 1820, and the mother near Lancaster, that state, December 21, 1821. As a youth of twenty years, in 1837, John N. F. Beaver came to Dayton, where he secured employment in a dry goods store, and subsequently moved to Terre Haute, Ind. The latter was his home for only about a year, however, as he returned to Dayton and spent another short period in clerking, and then established himself in business as a candy manufacturer on Third street. This experience was not satisfactory and Mr. Beaver joined his brother, B. N. Beaver, in the conduct of the first coal and wood yard at Dayton, located on Kenton street. In 1853, in company with Jacob Coffman, Mr. Beaver started the wholesale notion firm of Coffman & Beaver, with which he continued to be identified until his death in 1856, his widow surviving him five years. They were members of the First Baptist church of Dayton, and Mr. Beaver belonged to the Good Templars and to Wayne Lodge,

I. O. O. F. Originally a Whig, he later joined the Republ[ic]an party. There were five children in the family: Fred P., Edw[ard] C., of Frankfort, Ind.; Harriet A., the widow of John Crebs[baugh], Dayton; Charles Henry, who died at the age of six months, a[nd] Alice Ida, the wife of Edward Canby, of Dayton. Fred P. Wea[ver] attended the public schools of Dayton, including the Central hi[gh] school, and was but eleven years of age at the time of the dea[th] of his father. In 1861, after his mother died, he became a ne[ws] boy for the Cincinnati Press, which he handled on the streets of Dayton, but subsequently became bookkeeper for Chamberlain & Parker. In 1862 his career was interrupted temporarily by hi[s] enlistment as a private in Company A, 131st regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for service in the Civil war. At the end of four months he received his honorable discharge because of disability and returned to Chamberlain & Parker's, to his old position. In 1868 he was sent by his firm to Toledo, where he remained in charge of a branch store for two years, but left that city to go to Hopkinsville, Ky., where he engaged in business with Fred Brownell and John Orr. Returning at that time to Dayton, Mr. Beaver bought the interest of Edward Sweet of the firm of Chadwick & Sweet, who had just died. This firm became Chadwick & Beaver at the time of the reorganization, in 1872, and continued in the furniture line until 1878, when they sold out their interests to Artz and Ozias, who continued to carry on the business. In this year Mr. Beaver began the manufacture of the Silver Star brand of baking powder. This enterprise, however, was short-lived and Mr. Beaver then engaged in the manufacture of soaps, buying the factory of Beck & Sons, and manufactured tar soap and other toilet soaps until 1885, when he took in a partner, W. D. Chamberlain. In 1893 this concern, through reorganization, became the Beaver Soap company, with Mr. Beaver in the directing position as president, a post which he retained until the time of his retirement in 1905. He is a director of the Columbia Insurance company, and has been a factor in the building up of the city, as the erector of the Beaver Power building, northwest corner of St. Clair and Fourth streets, the Beaver and Butt building, the Delco building, and the Crown Hardware Power building on East Second street. He is a staunch Republican, and a member of the First Baptist church in which he serves as treasurer. He belongs also to Old Guard Post, Grand Army of the Republic, the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, the Dayton Country club and the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Beaver is interested in public affairs, not for personal aggrandizement as from the bent of inclination and ambition to discharge all the high duties of citizenship. For long he was in the front rank of the battle of life. He has shared in the feverish life of the great city, and mingled in its fierce competitions. In the evening of life he looks calmly over the years of his earlier conflicts and later struggles, neither embittered by their controversies nor disheartened by their reverses, but enjoying his successes and the reminiscences of the past in which he has been so conspicuous a figure. Mr. Beaver was married November 28, 1893, to Emma, daughter of Ralph and Mary Jane (Davis) Thompson, of Terre Haute, Ind. She died

of January 3, 1901. He was married again, February 16, 1903, when sion, nited with Mary Martha, daughter of E. and Martha (Hendersequon) Threshler of Dayton.

his e **William Henry Becher.** One of the best known citizens of line, erry township and the vicinity of Brookville is William Henry a pe echer, whose splendid property has been accumulated through supong years of industry and able management of business affairs, ev and whose high standing in his community is a natural result of a bec lifetime of honest and honorable dealings with his fellows. Mr. ton Becher was born in Perry township, Montgomery county, Ohio, ec December 7, 1841, the fourth in order of birth in a family of six sons and three daughters born to John W. and Magdalena (Mause) Becher. Of these children, four are living, all as residents of Montgomery county, and one, David Becher, of Brookville, is a veteran of the Civil war in which he fought as a member of an Ohio volunteer infantry regiment in the Union army. John W. Becher was born in 1806, in Lancaster county, Pa., and died in 1880. As a young man he applied himself to learning the trade of miller, but his health failed and he took work upon the farm as a hand. He was married in Pennsylvania, and soon after the ceremony he and his wife came to the great Miami valley by means of the old-styled covered wagon, across the marshes and sloughs and through the forests. Mr. Becher here investing his $400 capital. The bank in which his money was kept failed, and he lost all of his money, something which had a very depressing effect upon him, as it was in his nature to become easily discouraged. However, he was also a man of the highest integrity and a good and kind father, and he and his wife were God-fearing people, he being a member of the Methodist church and she of the Reformed faith. Later they united with the English Lutheran church, in which faith they passed away. Mrs. Becher was born in Pennsylvania, and like her husband was a descendant of old Pennsylvania Dutch stock. They were laid to rest in the Harmon cemetery, where an appropriate stone marks their graves. William Henry Becher, during the first nine years of his life, resided with his parents, but at that time was placed out with a farmer, and received for his first wages the sum of $2 per month, so that he was reared in the constant remembrance of the value of frugality and economy, as well as of hard work. Also, as a youth, he learned the trade of blacksmith, which he followed until 1862, when he resolved to answer the call of his country for volunteers during the Civil war, and accordingly enlisted at Dayton in Company I, 93d regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was transferred to the 1st U. S. Veteran Volunteer Engineers. He was ordered to Kentucky, and his regiment was eventually placed under the command of Gen. George H. (Pap) Thomas, the idol of the troops. Mr. Becher participated in the engagements of Antioch and Stone River and the fighting around Chattanooga and served his country faithfully and gallantly, being finally given his honorable discharge at Nashville, June 28, 1865, to resume the duties of the civilian. Mr. Becher again took up his trade as a smithy and followed it for two or three years, and at that time was married, March 22, 1870, to Miss Mary Jane McNelly, four sons and two daughters being

born to this union, of whom five children are living. Perry V., the oldest, was educated in the public schools and is a resident of St. Louis, Mo., where he is one of the department managers of the International Harvester company, a concern with which he started to work in a humble position, and in which great organization he has steadily advanced himself by industry and faithful performance of duty. He married Miss Myrtle Spitler, and they have four children: Maude, Nellie, George and Harold. Mr. Becher is a Republican, and his wife is an advocate of Christian Science. Walter E. Becher, the second child, resides on Salem avenue, Dayton, and is a product of the public schools and a man of sterling business accomplishments, being general agent for the Cleveland Fertilizer company and one of five who organized the Gem City Improvement company, his brother, Allen F., also being identified with this concern. This concern is engaged in erecting residences at Dayton, and it is the expectations of its members that at the close of 1919 it will have at least 100 buildings to its credit. Walter E. Becher married Miss Irene Manning, and they have one son, Eugene, who was in the United States service during the great World war, but has received his honorable discharge. Allen F. Becher, the third son of William Henry Becher, is a resident of Dayton, associated with the Gem City Improvement company as one of the office force. He attended the public schools and spent one year in the Gem City Business college, Quincy, Ill. Mr. Becher married Miss Emma Ikwiler, and they have one son, Forest. Allen F. Becher belongs to the Masonic order and is a Republican. Florence May Becher is a graduate of the Brookville High school, and the wife of Orville Baker, a resident of Englewood, Ohio, and a prosperous business man of that place, where he is proprietor of the grain elevator. They have four sons and one daughter, Amber, Floyd, Glenn, Robert and Paul. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are members of the Lutheran church. Charles C. Becher, the fifth child of William Henry Becher, and the youngest, is a graduate of the Brookville High school. He spent one year in the Steele High school, Dayton, and then entered Ann Arbor university (the University of Michigan), being graduated from the literary course and in law. For a time he followed his profession as an attorney at Dayton, but at this time is engaged with the Industrial commission at Columbus. He wedded Miss Goldie Smith, and they are the parents of two children, Robert and Dorothy. The mother of these children, who has proved such a credit to their upbringing and their communities, was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, March 13, 1847, a daughter of Jackson and Maria (Hecathorne) McNelly. The McNelly family originated in Scotland, and Mrs. Becher received a common school education. The first place Mr. and Mrs. Becher purchased after their marriage was a little home at Amity, Ohio, where they resided one year. This was then sold and with the proceeds a payment was made on fifteen acres of land, which was the family home for seven years. When this was sold, in the spring of 1881, Mr. and Mrs. Becher bought their present estate of eighty-five acres, although to secure it they were forced to go heavily into debt. There were no buildings on the property at the time, but this lack of structures has since been

remedied, and the handsome home and other buildings have been erected by Mr. Becher, who also put in all the present improvements. Mr. Becher has been of great value to his community as an official, having served as assessor of Madison township two years, assessor of Perry township for a like period, and township clerk for ten or twelve years. He was also a member of the Montgomery County Fair association for four years, and has likewise been a member of the board of school directors and of the board of education of Perry township. He has been prominent in the ranks of the Democratic party and on frequent occasions has been selected as a delegate to the county conventions. When the First National bank of Brookville was established, in 1909, he was chosen as vice-president and a director, and these offices he has continued to hold to the present time. He and his wife are members of Bethel congregation of the Lutheran church, and have always been hard workers in the cause of religion, charity and morality. Among their possessions is an old parchment Government deed, executed under the hand and seal of President James Madison, and dated March 1, 1815, this being a valuable heirloom pertaining to the estate, and an article of much historical value. The beautiful estate of the Bechers bears the name of Forest Home and is a place where cordiality and hospitality abide and where the visitor, whether friend or stranger, can always be sure of a wholesome and sincere welcome.

Elmer E. Bechtell, M. D. Whether his efforts are directed along professional, business or political lines, rationalism unbalanced by reasonableness is an undesirable quality in any man. It is seldom that the extremist succeeds, for a visualization of improved economic conditions in the future is necessary, as well as the ability to aid in bringing them about through great movements of adjustment. This is particularly true among the men who are engaged in promoting scientific discoveries and the developing of a better education of the people with reference to the laws of health and sanitation. Of the physicians of Dayton whose abilities in the past have been used with such good effect as to ensure their accomplishments in the future, one who is worthy of mention is Dr. Elmer E. Bechtell. He was born in Wyandot county, Ohio, November 7, 1867, on the farm of his father, Samuel Bechtell, a well-known and highly respected agriculturist of that region. The scenes of his boyhood and youth were laid in the midst of rural surroundings, but he enjoyed the advantages of attendance at the public and high schools of Upper Sandusky, and further preparation was given him at Northern Ohio university, Ada, where he was graduated in the department of pharmacy with the class of 1891. For a time thereafter he was engaged in the drug business at Fremont, Ohio, and while thus engaged became interested in the study of medicine, to which he eventually turned his undivided attention. Entering the Eclectic Medical institute at Cincinnati, Ohio, he was graduated from that institution with the degree of M. D. in 1897, and at once commenced practice at Monroeville, where he built up a good professional business. Seeking a broader field for the display of his abilities, in 1906 he came to Dayton, where he practiced successfully alone until 1919, in which year he became associated with

his son, Dr. Ray H. Bechtell. Their offices are located in the Reibold building, and their combined practice is a large, lucrative and important one. Dr. Bechtell is a member of the State and National Eclectic Medical societies, and is fraternally identified with the K. of P. He holds membership in the Chamber of Commerce, and has various other social and civic relations. Doctor Bechtell was married October 6, 1891, to Ella, daughter of Luther H. Harmes, of Wyandot county, and they are the parents of one son, Dr. Ray Harmes Bechtell.

Ray Harmes Bechtell, M. D., who stands high among the younger members of the medical profession at Dayton, has thus far in his career given promise of sustaining the professional reputation attaching to the name, earned by his father, who has practiced at Dayton for fourteen years. Doctor Bechtell was born in Wood county, Ohio, August 14, 1892, a son of Dr. Elmer E. and Ella (Harmes) Bechtell, and a grandson of Samuel Bechtell. A sketch of Dr. Elmer E. Bechtell will be found elsewhere in this work. Ray H. Bechtell obtained a public school education, and after graduating from the Stivers high school, Dayton, was sent to Wittenberg college, from which he was graduated in the class of 1913 with the degree of B.A. He next attended the Eclectic Medical college, Cincinnati, Ohio, and was graduated in 1917, with the degree of M. D., and then for fourteen months was an interne in the Union Bethel clinic. He was likewise an interne at the Metropolitan hospital, New York city, for a year, and February 19, 1918, was commissioned first lieutenant in the United States Medical Reserve corps. Receiving his honorable discharge from the service January 3, 1919, at which time he associated himself with his father in the general practice of medicine at Dayton, where offices are maintained in the Riebold building. Doctor Bechtell is making commendable progress in his chosen calling and his inherent abilities, brought out through study and perfected through conscientious training, are being applied to the practice of medicine with the enthusiasm of one whose profession is thoroughly congenial. He is a member of the State and National Eclectic Medical societies, and belongs to the Phi Kappa Psi and Tau Alpha Epsilon fraternities. Also, he is a thirty-second degree Mason, a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and a Knight Templar.

Walter H. J. Behm. Each profession, every business, all walks of life, have their prominent men, some made such by long membership, others by their proficiency in their calling. Walter H. J. Behm is made conspicuous in financial circles of Dayton, not so much by the length of time he has devoted to the banking business, for he is as yet a young man, as by the success he has already made of it. He is another of the men of this city who have risen to places of responsibility solely through their own effort and merit, and within the space of a few short years has advanced from a cigar store clerkship to the post of cashier of the Market Savings bank. Mr. Behm was born at Dayton, April 27, 1890, a son of George Behm, who came to this city as a young man and passed his career here. Walter H. J. Behm was given the advantages of a public school education and when he had completed his studies gave evidence of his in-

dustry by securing employment as a clerk in a local cigar store. His duties in this position necessitated long hours, so that he did not have much time for outside matters, but his ambitions were beyond that post and, realizing the need for further training, he managed to attend a night school, where he received instruction of a commercial character. After one and one-half years he gave up the clerkship, his commercial school training having made it possible for him to better his condition, and for two years he acted in a clerical capacity with the Mutual Home and Savings bank. With this experience he joined the Market Savings bank as teller and bookkeeper, and in November, 1915, was honored by election to the position of cashier, which he still retains. He has the full confidence of his associates as to his ability, diligence, fidelity and integrity, and has many warm friends among the patrons of the institution. The Market Savings Bank of Dayton has enjoyed a steady and continuous growth. It was organized July 19, 1909, and incorporated for $50,000, the founders being: Theo. H. Lienisch, president; J. C. Dressler, first vice-president; C. H. Breidenbach, second vice-president; Joseph S. Bade, cashier, and J. A. Oneth, William M. Adelberger, Frank B. Morman, J. E. Lenz, W. F. Smith, John C. Shea and Edward Phillips, directors. At that time two people were employed in the bank, while now eleven employees are necessary to handle the greatly increased volume of business. The new building of the bank was built in 1909, at Wayne and Richard streets, and the quarters are now double their original size. On September 12, 1919, the resources of the bank were $1,801,014.78, and there were $1,807,156.64 in deposits. This is considered one of the city's sound and conservative financial institutions and, considering the comparatively short time that it has been in business its success is remarkable. The present officials of the bank are: Theo. H. Lienisch, president; J. C. Dressler, first vice-president; William M. Adelberger, second vice-president; Walter H. J. Behm, cashier, and Jess W. Nesmith, assistant cashier, and the following form the board of directors: L. W. Prinz, George T. Johnston, John C. Shea, W. F. Smith, Joseph L. Deger and Edward Phillips. Mr. Behm is a member of the Greater Dayton association, is active therein, and has displayed public spirit in other ways. He was married at Dayton October 29, 1914, to Miss Marie E. Hayes of Middletown, Ohio, and they have two children: Walter G. and Robert Hayes.

John Nelson Bell, grand recorder of the Knights Templar of Ohio, and the oldest Mason in point of service in the world in that capacity, is a native of Dayton and has passed nearly his entire life in this city. Here, during a period of thirty-four years, he has faithfully, expeditiously and efficiently performed the duties of his high and important Masonic office and in this time has become widely known in this and other states to the members of the order. Mr. Bell was born at Dayton, December 18, 1838, a son of John S. and Zipolah (Cock) Bell, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of New York state. John S. Bell came to Dayton about the year 1835 and engaged in the manufacture of gloves on Jefferson, near Sixth street, and likewise followed the business of tanning, combining

the two enterprises into a successful business career which lasted until his death. John N. Bell was educated in the Dayton graded schools and the Central High school, and for a short time went to Minnesota, where he worked on a farm in the vicinity of Red Wing. While there he assisted in the building of the first schoolhouse of the community and was selected as the first teacher therein. His educational career did not last long, however, for he was called to Burlington, Iowa, where he was made the local editor of the Burlington Hawkeye, and this newspaper post for a time promised a career in journalism. However, the start of the Civil war changed the entire course of his career, for he resigned his position and returned to his native city of Dayton, where he enlisted in a local company known as the Dayton Zouaves. This service, as a private, lasted for three months, when he went back to Burlington and in 1862 raised a company of which he was elected captain. This was accepted and mustered into the service as Company E, 25th Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and continued in the service until the close of the war. Captain Bell served on the staff of the Third Brigade, First Division, Fifteenth Army Corps, and among his engagements may be mentioned, Vicksburg, Missionary Ridge, Lookout Mountain, and the engagements to and from Atlanta to the sea, through the Carolinas to Washington, D. C. His service was one characterized by bravery in action and faithful performance of the duties of a soldier on all occasions, and after receiving his honorable discharge Captain Bell returned to Burlington, where he engaged in the blank book business until 1871. In that year he came back to Dayton and became bookkeeper for Hoglen Bros., lumber dealers, with whom he remained several years, then entering the employ of Stephen J. Patterson, in the same capacity. Subsequently he was elected secretary and manager of the Ohio Insurance company, and held that office until 1886, when he was chosen Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Ohio. He is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and member of the Mystic Shrine and belongs to the Mystic club, a Masonic body, and the Grand Secretaries' Guild of the United States, which is also composed of Masons. Captain Bell is likewise a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion and a past commander of Old Guard Post of the G. A. R. November 3, 1861, at Burlington, Iowa, he married Miss Annie E. Acres of that city, and they have six children: Charles W. of Fort Wayne, Ind.; William A. and George H. of Chicago, Ill.; Walter H. of Dayton; Mary E., the wife of Hon. John C. Wood of Hinsdale, Ill., and Nelson J. of Dayton.

M. S. Benn. It must be conceded that all the earlier history of Dayton and much of the later, was made by a few reliable, responsible men, who, dauntless in their actions and steadfast in their belief in the future possibilities of a great municipality, forged ahead, blazing the way for others, who, following in their pioneer footsteps, were to develop one of the great cities of our country. Had these men been less active, less willing to put their entire energies into the work, today's prosperity would have never been developed. One improvement leads to another, each advance pre-

supposes more to follow, but the growth of any section is a series of gradual developments. Without the initial steps, the procession of progress would have never been set in motion, but also, without the others to carry on the work, twentieth-century prosperity would have been impossible. While he was not among the forerunners of business men of Dayton, M. S. Benn was one who began operations at a time of perhaps the greatest era of development at Dayton, coming here in 1889, and for thirty years his name and that of his firm, M. S. Benn & company, have been known in connection with notable enterprises in the field of real estate. Mr. Benn came to Dayton from his father's farm near Troy, Ohio, where he was born June 10, 1862, a son of the late T. N. Benn. He was reared on the farm, where he assisted his father, but was sent to Dayton at intervals to attend to business for various persons and while here began to realize the opportunity for a man of action and good judgment in the realty field. For several years he continued on the farm, while he was formulating and outlining his plans and accumulating his capital, but in 1889 came to Dayton to reside permanently and established himself in the real estate business, the firm having for many years been known as M. S. Benn & company and has constructed many hundred residences in city and suburbs. His offices are now located on the second floor of the Jefferson building, at the corner of Jefferson and Fifth streets. In addition to handling city and farm properties, Mr. Benn has added to the development of Dayton through the platting and settlement of Fort McKinley and South Park, two exclusive residential sections. He is a good judge of land values, possesses discreetness and excellent judgment, and in other ways is gifted in the way that an individual must be to become a success in the realty line, while his business integrity has never been questioned. Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Benn was Miss Almeda Meeks, of Montgomery county, Ohio.

Charles S. Bergen, Sr. Whatever may have been the determining factors in the early career of any successful business man of today, it is a fact that personal effort has had much to do with advancing the fortunes of a large majority. This may apply to Charles S. Bergen, sr., who is well known in business circles at Dayton, who has long been identified with the American Cigar company, of which he has been district manager for sixteen years. Mr. Bergen was born at Bellefontaine, Logan county, Ohio, May 9, 1873, son of Moses B. and Alice C. (Lindemuth) Bergen, both of whom are deceased. For some years the father of Mr. Bergen was sales manager for the Singer Manufacturing company at Bellefontaine, later conducting the American hotel at Springfield, Ohio. Charles S. Bergen displayed considerable business ability as a boy, successfully operating three newspaper routes while securing his public school training at Bellefontaine. In 1886 he came to Dayton, where he worked for a time in the Malleable Iron works, but later learned the cigarmaker's trade, and ever since, in some way, has been connected with the tobacco business. After some years in the leaf tobacco line, he became identified with the American Cigar company as a jobber, his relation later becoming closer

and more confidential, and for sixteen years he has been district manager for this large corporation, high valuation being placed on his unerring judgment and business capacity. June 29, 1893, Mr. Bergen married Susan Florence, daughter of William Marietta, a well known citizen of Dayton, and they have two children: Charles S. and Marietta L. During the Great war, Charles S. Bergen, jr., served two years and eight days in France, with the First Division, being a linguist in the intelligence department. Mr. Bergen and his family are members of Christ Episcopal church, Dayton. In Masonry he belongs to St. John's Lodge, Unity Chapter and Reed Commandery, and Antioch Shrine, Toledo. He has been very active in the work of the Young Men's Christian association, and in other welfare bodies, and at all times is ready and willing to co-operate with his fellow citizens for the public good.

Louis F. Berk. Among the old and honorable business houses of Dayton which can boast of clean and praiseworthy records of more than forty-five years, none has merited in greater degree the confidence of the public than the funeral directing concern now conducted as F. W. Berk's Son. During the life of this business it has changed the name under which it has operated several times, but it has never changed its policy of straightforward and above-board dealing, and its present owner, Louis F. Berk, occupies a position of recognized importance in business circles. Mr. Berk was born at Dayton, September 30, 1870, a son of Frederick W. and Christine (Waltemathe) Berk. His father, a native of Germany, born December 6, 1824, learned the trade of cabinet maker in his youth, and when still a young man emigrated to the United States and located at Dayton, where he secured employment at his trade with J. R. Wagoner. Under this gentleman, Mr. Berk learned undertaking, and in 1872 there was founded the firm of Berk & Waymire, this partnership having bought out Mr. Wagoner's business on West Third street, later on moved it to 127 East Fifth street. Berk & Waymire was succeeded by Berk & Fry, and the latter by Berk, Fry & company, with which business Mr. Berk was identified actively until his death, which occurred at Dayton, July 8, 1904. He was a business man of the old school, courteous, obliging and strictly honorable, and above all intensely practical, although not averse to adopting modern ideas when they showed themselves worthy. He was a faithful member of the German Lutheran church, being identified with St. John's congregation, and as a fraternalist belonged to Schiller Lodge of the I. O. O. F. He married Christine Waltemathe, of Dayton, who died February 26, 1890, and they became the parents of ten children: Fred W., Mathilda and Caroline, who are deceased; Mrs. Catherine Tressler, of Dayton; Elizabeth, the wife of Spencer Musser of this city; Frank, Theo., Henry and Charles, who are all deceased, and Louis F. Louis F. Berk received his early education in the public schools of Dayton, and was prepared for his business career at Wilt's Business college. Immediately after completing his commercial course, he entered business with his father, and was admitted as a member of the firm in 1903. After his father's death, the business became in 1905, F. W. Berk's Sons, and 1909, when Louis F. Berk became sole

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owner, adopted its present style of F. W. Berk's Son. This business is located at 127-129 E. Fifth street, and is one the finest and most elegantly and tastefully equipped houses of its kind in the city, with every known facility for the proper and reverent handling of the dead. Its equipment is completely motorized and its attendants are carefully chosen and under the constant supervision of Mr. Berk, himself a man of the utmost tact, discretion and sympathetic nature. Mr. Berk, like his father, occupies a place high in the esteem of his business associates, and is known as a man of high principle and rigid honor. He is fraternally affiliated with the Masons, Knights of Pythias and Elks, is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Y. M. C. A., and belongs to the Twenty-two club. He was married September 29, 1898, to Pauline L., daughter of Louis Rieger, of Dayton.

Clarence E. Bice. In the lumber trade of Dayton a name that has come to be recognized as belonging to a skilled executive and experienced operator is that of Clarence E. Bice. Mr. Bice has passed his entire business career in connection with the lumber business, and at this time occupies a prominent position therein as president of the West Side Lumber company. He is also active in various other avenues of the city's life, and is a typical alert, progressive Daytonian. He was born at Dodgeville, Wis., July 28, 1869, a son of S. Bice, and when four years of age was taken by his parents to Marquette, Mich., where he received a public school education and was given his introduction to the lumber business. In 1897 he went to Wilmington, Ohio, where he spent two years, and a like period was passed at Chillicothe, Ohio, whence he came to Dayton in 1901. At that time he and his father, S. Bice, bought the Globe Lumber company from N. T. Bish and changed the name of the concern to the West Side Lumber company, which was incorporated in 1905, with S. Bice as president. As such it was conducted by father and son until the former's death in 1907. Its present officers are: C. E. Bice, president; P. A. Bice, vice-president, and L. A. Bice, secretary and treasurer. The yards of this concern are all under cover, and they own their own planing mill, handling lumber and mill work and giving employment to 100 people. During the war period the company was engaged 100 per cent in war production, manufacturing aeroplane crates. Mr. Bice is of an energetic and progressive character, is widely and favorably known in the lumber trade, and is a valued member of the Lumber Dealers' association. He has taken an active interest in civic affairs, and was honored by being chosen as a member of the Charter Commission of Dayton. For several years he was a director of the Y. M. C. A., in which he holds membership, as he does likewise in the Chamber of Commerce. He is also chairman of the finance board of the Grace Methodist Episcopal church and takes a keen interest in religious and welfare work, being president of the Door of Hope. His social connections include membership in the Miami Valley Golf club. Mr. Bice was married May 9, 1893, to Lou Abernathy, of Utica, Mich., and they are the parents of two children: Agnes E., the wife of R. B. Hull, of Dayton, and Ruth E., who resides with her parents.

Charles W. Bieser. In Dayton it is not infrequently found that the principal business enterprises of their kind in Montgomery county are located. This is but natural, as, being the largest city, it would hold forth the greatest attractions for the larger ventures and at the same time furnish better opportunities for extended growth. However, many of these houses have been developed within the city and have attained their present prestige equally as much through enterprise, industry and real merit as they have through opportunity, environment and location. In this category is found the business known as The Everybody's Book Shop company, on West Fifth street, as the proprietor of which, Charles W. Bieser, has passed his entire career at Dayton, where he is known as a substantial business man and a progressive citizen and public-spirited citizen. Mr. Bieser was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, July 11, 1867, his parents being Charles and Louise (Fuhrman) Bieser. His father was born in the city of Worms, Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, but in 1854, when still a young man, sought a home in the United States and upon his arrival in this country took up his residence at Dayton, where he succeeded in securing employment. Later he moved to Cincinnati, where he made his home during the period of the Civil war, but in 1867 returned to Dayton, where he resumed merchandising and was for many years a prominent factor in the commercial life of the city. After a long and successful career, characterized by honorable participation in business affairs and in matters pertaining to civic advancement, he passed away at his home June 20, 1897, respected and esteemed by a wide circle of his fellow-citizens. He belonged to the Lutheran church, as did also Mrs. Bieser, who was a native of Rhinepfalz, Germany. There were five sons and four daughters in the family. Charles W. Bieser was reared at Dayton, where he attended the public schools and prepared for a business career by a course at A. D. Wilt's Commercial college. Following his graduation from that institution, he became associated with his father in the general merchandise business and continued with the elder man until his interest and participation in public matters led to his election as chief clerk of the probate court, an office in which he served six years. His work in that connection was such as to leave a favorable impression with the people, who subsequently chose him for two terms as clerk of the court of common pleas and as clerk of the circuit court. While he has steadfastly declined the tender of many political honors, Mr. Bieser has been very active in matters political, and has served as chairman of the city, county and district committees of his party. He has attended twenty-one Republican state conventions as a delegate. In 1908 he was elected a delegate to the national convention held in Chicago, at which time William H. Taft was nominated. While he declined numerous appointments of his party, he accepted that of Mr. Taft in making him postmaster of Dayton, a position in which he was called to meet a serious emergency during the disastrous flood of 1913, when he rendered valuable services in protecting and preserving the mails and in the speedy reorganization of the service to meet the temporarily changed conditions of that time and the permanent changes that came a little later. When

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Mr. Bieser left the office of clerk of the circuit court, he returned to business life, establishing himself as proprietor of a modest book and stationery store. Because of his energy and industry his operations were prosecuted with much vigor, and in view of his foresight and capability his store began to grow and prosper amazingly, and from time to time he was forced to add to his equipment, space and stock, until finally what had been a humble seeker for custom had developed into something known as a necessary commercial adjunct. From that time to the present the business has continued to enjoy a steady and continued growth, and today is doing the largest trade in Montgomery county in books, stationery and office furniture and fixtures of all kinds. Mr. Bieser has entered other fields of endeavor, being connected as either officer or director with a number of business and financial institutions well known at Dayton, among them being the First Savings and Bank company, of which he is vice-president. He is also financially interested in the D. Gruen Sons company, well-known watch manufacturers of Cincinnati. He is one of the men of whom we are pleased to speak as being self-made, and richly deserves this title, for what he has accomplished has been gained without the assistance of outside influence or financial aid. He is well and favorably known in fraternal circles, being a member of Mystic Lodge, No. 405, A. F. & A. M.; Unity Chapter, No. 16, R. A. M., and Reese Council, No. 9, R. & S. M.; is a K. T. and a Shriner, and a member of the Order of Elks and of the Haragari. June 10, 1896, Mr. Bieser married Flora S., daughter of Dietrick and Amelia Gruen, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and to this union there have been born five children: Louise Paulding, who died at the age of eight months; Carl William, Irvin Gruen, Horace Francis and Dietrick Robert. Mr. and Mrs. Bieser and their children attend services at and are members of the First Lutheran church of Dayton.

Charles S. Billman. The title of Charles S. Billman to mention among the representative business men of Dayton rests in the fact that for many years he has been one of the most active factors in its busy life and that since the time of his arrival he has been closely identified with the growth, development and material progress of the city. Coming here at a time when excellent opportunities presented themselves in a number of ways, he made full use of his abilities and with rare foresight and judgment allied himself with enterprises that have since grown to large proportions. Today his business connections are many and important, the leading companies which bear the impress of his ability being the West Side Building & Loan company, of which he is secretary, and the Farmers' and Merchants' bank, of which he is cashier. Mr. Billman was born at West Carrollton, Ohio, July 30, 1861. His early education was secured in the graded and high schools of his native place, but he was given better advantages in this direction than some secure, for he subsequently attended the Ohio Normal school at Ada, and the Miami Commercial college. Following his graduation from the latter institution, Mr. Billman became an instructor there, and for twelve years followed this line of work. Eventually, however, he tired of teaching and resigned his position to turn his at-

tention to the leaf tobacco business. This occupied his attention for only a short time, for he saw what he considered a better opening, and for a time acted as secretary and treasurer of the Western Paper company. In August, 1902, he began his connection with the West Side Building & Loan company, of which he has been secretary ever since. This is one of Dayton's leading concerns, with an authorized capital stock of $10,000,000. It was organized and established in March, 1887, and incorporated for $500,000, the officers at that time being: S. L. Herr, president; A. L. Shearer, vice-president; J. W. Booth, treasurer, and J. C. Patterson, secretary and attorney, with these directors: R. B. Osborn, W. H. Shank, J. W. Allison, E. M. Glaney, Henry Webbert, J. R. Tomson, A. L. Shearer, C. J. Spatz and M. Ellis. The business was located at that time at No. 1033 W. Third street. By 1903 the assets of the association had grown to $388,729.73 by 1913 to $1,793,364.21, and by 1918 to $3,155,709.39. In the meantime the offices had been moved to the southwest corner of Third and Williams streets, as now, in addition to which there are branch offices in the Dayton Savings & Trust building and 510 E. Fifth street. The present list of officers are: A. L. Shearer, president; T. M. Pexton, vice-president; J. W. Kreitzer, attorney; W. O. Horrell, treasurer; C. S. Billman, secretary; Miss Ida M. Ruse, first assistant secretary; and Miss Edith Fromm, second assistant secretary. The directors are: A. L. Shearer, T. M. Pexton, C. S. Billman, J. M. Withoft, William O. Horrell and J. W. Kreitzer. The financial statement for the year ending December 31, 1917, shows the association's condition to be as follows: Assets: Cash on hand, $227,623.36; loans on mortgage security, $2,833,665.01; loans on all other securities, $2,509.66; furniture and fixtures, $3,200; real estate, $3,200; real estate sold on contract, $1,119.93; due from borrowers for interest and taxes, $91.43; deposits in other building and loan associations, $68,900; Liberty bonds, $15,000. Liabilities: Running stock and dividends, $1,539,260.90; paid-up stock and dividends, $459,884.24; deposits and accrued interest, $1,079,194.52; reserve fund, $58,344.96; undivided profit fund, $14,024.77; deposits from other building and loan associations, $5,000. Total, $3,155,709.39.

In 1913 Mr. Billman was one of the organizers of the Farmers' and Merchants' bank, of which he was made cashier and treasurer, his associates being: J. W. Kreitzer, president, and W. O. Horrell, vice-president. Ida M. Ruse is assistant cashier. The directors are: Hon. John W. Kreitzer, C. S. Billman, W. O. Horrell, Hon. T. M. Prexton, A. L. Shearer, J. M. Withoft. The report of the condition of the Farmers' and Merchants' bank at the close of business, September 11, 1917, was as follows: Resources: Loans and discounts, $349,001.24; overdrafts, $75.79; bonds, $89,950; due from banks, $62,995.38; exchanges for clearing house, $16,386.37; cash, $29,967.29; total, $548,376.07. Liabilities: Capital stock, $50,000; surplus and undivided profits, $23,487.44; deposits, $474,888.63. Mr. Billman is one of Dayton's substantial and trusted men who has won his place in public confidence by a strict integrity that knows only one path of dealing. As his position in the business world would warrant, he has interested himself in a number of civic move-

ments, in which the influence that his position sways has been decidedly beneficial. Likewise he is connected with several social and fraternal bodies. Mr. Billman is married, his wife before their union having been Miss L. May Myers, daughter of Clinton Myers, of Miamisburg, Ohio, and to them were born Bess M., Mrs. Nellie Calhoun and Chas. M., Jr., all of Dayton.

Roy S. Binkley, M. D. A conscientious and painstaking exponent of medical and surgical science is found in Dr. Roy S. Binkley, who since his arrival at Dayton in 1914 has gained a professional footing that places him among the leading specialists of the city. In invading the realms of an inexhaustible science Doctor Binkley brought with him professional equipment of the highest character, and in the treatment and cure of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat has established a reputation that gives him marked prestige among his professional brethren. He was born at Madison, Ohio, December 30, 1881, a son of Jesse and Amanda (Spitler) Binkley. His father, a traveling salesman for the H. P. Dashler company, of Hamilton, Ohio, has made his home at Dayton for the past several years. The public schools and Steele High school of Dayton furnished Roy S. Binkley with his early education, and in taking up medicine as his calling he swung from the moorings of his youth, for his earliest business associations were those of a California ranch, on which he spent several years. However, he early evidenced those studious habits which lend such splendid promise to the professional man, and he eventually entered Dennison university, from which institution he was graduated in 1908. He next went to the Ohio State university, where he pursued a full medical course, and graduated with the class of 1911, with his degree of Doctor of Medicine. He was not satisfied with his preparation, however, and for one year acted as interne in the Protestant hospital, at Columbus. Subsequently, he assisted the eminent Drs. Means for eight months, and following this took a post-graduate course at the Philadelphia Polyclinic. This was followed by four months of service as an interne at Will's Eye hospital, and he then went to the Boston Eye and Ear infirmary, where he remained about three months. With this professional equipment, he came to Dayton, where he established himself as a specialist in the treatment and cure of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. He now has offices in a suite on the fifth floor of the Fidelity Medicine building. Eternal vigilance and research have been watch-words of his career, and the letting of light upon the puzzles which have been problems of the ages seems to him the largest compensation in the art of healing. As a specialist, Doctor Binkley has charge of the eye, ear, nose and throat infirmary at St. Elizabeth's hospital. Doctor Binkley is a member of the Montgomery County Medical society, the Ohio State Medical society, the American Medical association and the American Ophthalmological society. During his college days, he belonged to the Beta Theta Pi fraternity at Denison university and the Alpha Nu Phi Omega at Ohio State, and at both institutions he was active in athletics. He is still intensely interested in sports, and is at this time a member of the athletic committee of the Y. M. C. A., of Dayton, not only as a physician, but

as a lover of sport for sport's sake. He is a member of Stillwater lodge of the Masonic fraternity, and of the Kiwanis club, and, with other constructive and energetic citizens, holds membership in the Greater Dayton association, in the work of which he takes an active interest. Doctor Binkley was married April 15, 1918, to Miss Anna Mary Doody, daughter of Eugene Doody, of Dayton.

William F. Bippus, whose prominence in manufacturing circles of Dayton is equaled by his splendid and constructive service in civic affairs, is president and treasurer of the Joyce-Cridland company. He was born at Bellaire, Belmont county, Ohio, July 15, 1872, a son of Christian and Sophia (Faupel) Bippus, and received his education in the public schools of his home community and at a business and military academy at Wheeling, W. Va. When ready to enter business, he went to Anderson, Ind., and was for seven months employed in a glass works, but was not impressed with his surroundings or opportunities, and in May, 1890, came to Dayton. June 16 of that year he entered the service of the National Cash Register company, in which his advancement was steady and continued. He passed through various departments of the business until finally being given a post in the treasurer's office, and July 16, 1907, was made treasurer of the company, a position which he held until March 1, 1916. In addition he held a directorship and performed the difficult duties of traveling foreign director, a capacity in which he visited all the countries of Europe and South America in the interests of the sales department. Mr. Bippus' rise with this great concern was a remarkable one and his service throughout was characterized by noteworthy achievements and unusual accomplishments. January 1, 1917, Mr. Bippus embarked in the manufacturing field on his own account, purchasing the controlling interest in the Joyce-Cridland company, manufacturers of hydraulic jacks and railway supplies, of which concern he has since been president and treasurer. H. W. Pearce is secretary and J. M. Switzer, vice-president, and the company is a $250,000 corporation. A working force of 450 people is given constant employment, and the products of the company are known all over the world. In the management of this business Mr. Bippus has shown the same shrewdness, judgment and general business ability that enabled him to rise from a humble position to one of importance. Mr. Bippus is a director of the Third National Bank of Dayton and has various other business connections, and is a valued member of the Chamber of Commerce. His civic services have been many and valuable and have brought him into working connection with other prominent public-spirited and patriotic men of the city. At this time he is treasurer of the Flood Prevention fund, of the Dayton City Club company, and of the Montgomery County War Chest, and during the period of the great war was manager of the Dayton District, United States Army Ordnance Production division. His religious affiliation and that of his family, is with the First Presbyterian church. Mr. Bippus belongs to the Y. M. C. A. and is a Mason, a Shriner and an Elk. His club connections are numerous and include membership in the Dayton, Rotary, Buz Fuz, Country and Bicycle clubs. October 12, 1897, Mr. Bippus was united in marriage with Miss Florence Joseph-

ine Knight, daughter of Llewellyn F. Knight, of Zanesville, Ohio, and they are the parents of one son: William F., Jr., who was born at Dayton, May 13, 1913.

Otto E. Black, treasurer of The Lucas-Miner Pump company, is one of the virile manufacturers of Dayton, who has won his own advancement and deserves the prosperity which attends him. He was born in Miami county, Ohio, in the village of Ginghamsburg, December 5, 1875, a son of Jefferson and Lucinda (Champin) Black, both of whom were natives of Miami county, Ohio. Jefferson Black was a farmer, who came to Dayton in 1880, and worked as a carpenter in this city for many years. Both he and his wife are now deceased. During the Civil war he fought as a soldier in the Union army for four years, enlisting in an infantry regiment recruited at Dayton. He and his wife were consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They had the following children: Ida, who is the wife of George Brandt of Dayton; Korah, who also lives at Dayton; Otto E., whose name heads this review; Pearl, who is the wife of William Stoot of Marion, Ohio; Bertha, who is deceased; Mabel, who is a resident of Marion, Ohio; and Esther, who is also deceased. Otto E. Black attended the public schools of Dayton, and his first business experience was gained with the Dayton Fan & Motor company, with which he remained for five years, leaving it for the Lucas Pump company. In 1919 his years of faithful service were rewarded by his advancement to heavier responsibilities as superintendent of the plant and treasurer of the company, which promotion is distinctly creditable to him. He is a valued member of the Tool Manufacturers' association, which is affiliated with the Chamber of Commerce. March 5, 1898, Mr. Black was united in marriage with Miss Estalla Kiser, a daughter of John Kiser of Dayton. Mr. and Mrs. Black have one daughter, Leona, who is at home. The Lucas Pump company was established in 1897 at Greenville, Ohio, by Charles O. Lucas, and the plant was moved to Dayton about 1903 and located on North Foundry street. That same year the business was incorporated by Ralph DeWeese and C. O. Lucas, with a capital stock of $15,000, of which Mr. Lucas was president and Mr. DeWeese was secretary and treasurer. In 1905, the company was reincorporated by Ed Heatman, C. O. Lucas and D. H. Lucas, with a capital stock of $25,000, the officers then being as follows: C. O. Lucas, president; D. H. Lucas, secretary, and Ed Heatman, treasurer. Removal of the plant was made in 1910 to the present location, 427 North Valley street. In October, 1916, the company became the Lucas-Miner Pump company, of which C. C. Miner was president; D. H. Lucas, vice-president, and Gustav Roberts, secretary and treasurer, the capital stock at that time being increased to $30,000. January 1, 1919, the following officials were elected: C. C. Miner, president; A. Meyers, vice-president; John G. Frey, secretary, and Otto E. Black, treasurer. This company manufactures power pumps, compressers, tools, dies and jigs. The pumps are for fire protection and general service. Ninety-five per cent war production was the output during the period of the war in tools, dies and jigs. The plant covers 10,000 square feet of floor space. Employment is given to twenty-five skilled workmen

in the plant, and the territory is covered by traveling salesmen. The branch office at Chicago is in charge of Mr. R. R. Caskey. This is one of the most reliable concerns of its kind in the country, and the quality of the output and the methods of the management are such as to make it a typical Dayton organization, and a part of that element which is substantiating the city's claim for further expansion into the Greater Dayton.

I. Robert Blackburn, whose numerous substantial business activities have made him an important factor in commercial affairs at Dayton for many years, possesses traits of mind and character typically American. He comes of honorable old Ohio stock, but his business success has been largely the result of his own efforts. He was born on his father's farm in Champaign county, Ohio, June 1, 1873, the third son of John L. and Harriet E. (Tice) Blackburn. The father of Mr. Blackburn followed farming in Ohio until 1883, when he brought his family to Dayton and for several years afterward he was connected with the freight office of the C., H. & D. railroad. He retired then to the Old Soldiers' Home at Marion, Ind., where he is clerk of the commissary department. He served as a soldier in the Civil war in young manhood and has an honorable war record. I. Robert Blackburn was educated in the public schools of Dayton and the Miami Commercial college, in the meanwhile starting business life as a newsboy. During those early years he also worked for the Dayton Gas company and for a time was cashier in the old depot restaurant patronized and well remembered by many citizens. He tried the grocery line for a while as a clerk in Stephens' grocery on West Third street, afterward worked in a candy factory and then transferred his services to the plumbing firm of Gibbons & McDermit and was with the firm of Brooks & Sons for six months. He was, therefore, by the time he was ready to adopt a permanent trade, quite well informed along many lines, and doubtless had learned many valuable lessons through experience. He learned the art of wood engraving with the Gross Engraving company, after which he purchased the engraving business of Brown & Croninger, which he conducted for nine years, and in this connection became interested in advertising specialties, his business alertness soon being evidenced by his founding, in 1902, the Blackburn Advertising agency, its object being newspaper and magazine advertising. The venture prospered and now is quartered on the third floor of the Patterson building, Dayton, and a force of five competent people is employed. While Mr. Blackburn is well known in this special enterprise, he is, perhaps, still better known as president of the Blackburn Products company, a large corporation with ample capital and extensive quarters at Dayton, its business being the manufacture of proprietary medicines. He has been in this line of business at Dayton since 1903, when he established the Victor Remedy company, which was incorporated January 25, 1908, with a capital of $150,000, with I. Robert Blackburn, president; John W. Miller, vice-president; Frank C. Vail, secretary and treasurer, ten people being employed at that time in the plant on the corner of Fifth and Summit streets. In 1907 Mr. Blackburn, in partnership with his brother, J. Albert Blackburn, operated a plant at Marion, Ohio, the business

being known as the Prescription Products company, which they moved to Dayton in 1908, and in 1915 the two plants were merged and the present name of the Blackburn Products company was adopted. The present officers are: I. Robert Blackburn, president and treasurer; J. Albert Blackburn, vice-president and manager; William C. Blackburn, secretary. A branch house has been established at Windsor, Canada, and the trade territory of the company extends over the United States and the Dominion. In 1909 the present handsome commodious building was erected by the company at No. 312 South College street, Dayton, where twenty people are employed. In addition to the large business concerns above mentioned, Mr. Blackburn is extensively interested along agricultural lines and his beautiful estate, Wildwood farm, is one of the show places of the county, and he is an authority on thoroughbred Jersey cattle and Duroc hogs, his specialties. He is a director of the American Jersey Cattle club. Mr. Blackburn was married December 13, 1892, to Miss Caroline Eugenia Fitzgerald, a daughter of James Fitzgerald, of Dayton, and they have four children and one grandchild: Herbert Marfield, who rose to the rank of first lieutenant in the American army and was with the expeditionary force in France; Robert Burns, who was at Camp Sherman during the great war; Howard D., who was a soldier in the National army, and took his training in the Third Officers' Training camp, Camp Gordon, Ga.; and Dorothy Jean, who resides at home. Herbert Marfield Blackburn, Jr., is the name of the grandson. Mr. Blackburn is a Thirty-second Degree Mason and an Elk and is one of the older members of the popular Dayton Bicycle club. While never very prominent in political life he has always willingly assumed citizenship duties when called upon and has heartily cooperated with others in matters of public moment.

J. Albert Blackburn. The business of manufacturing proprietary medicines on a large scale demands ample capital and skilled chemists. Dayton is the home of a large enterprise of this kind in the Blackburn Products company, whose preparations, because of their standard quality have a country-wide reputation. These remedies are compounded of pure drugs and in accordance with careful, restrictive laws, under the scientific scrutiny of eminent medical men who do not hesitate to attest their value or to recommend them in their own private practice. The business was first established in 1903 by I. Robert Blackburn, under the name of the Victor Remedy company, and it was incorporated in 1908 with a capital of $150,000, with the following officers: I. Robert Blackburn, president; John W. Miller, vice-president; Frank C. Vail, secretary and treasurer. The plant was located on the corner of Fifth and Summit streets and employment was afforded ten people. In 1907 J. Albert Blackburn and I. Robert Blackburn operated a plant at Marion, Ohio, known as the Prescription Products company, which they moved to Dayton in 1908, and 1909 when the present fine plant was built at No. 312 S. College street, Dayton, both the above business enterprises were housed here and September 1, 1915, the two were merged under the name of the Blackburn Products company. In the meanwhile, February 20, 1912, J. Albert

Blackburn purchased the stock of J. W. Miller and became vice-president of the company, and in January, 1914, W. C. Blackburn was elected secretary to take the place of Frank C. Vail. The present officers of the Blackburn Products company are: I. R. Blackburn, president and treasurer; J. A. Blackburn, vice-president and manager; W. C. Blackburn, secretary. Twenty people are employed by the company and the trade territory covers the United States and Canada, with a branch house at Windsor. The special preparations of the company include the following remedies: Casca Royal Pills, Hypo Nuclane Tablets, Arbolone Tablets, Cadomene Tablets 3-Grain, Cardiol Tablets 4-Grain, Balmwort Tablets 4-Grain, Sulpherb Tablets 3-Grain, Equisol Tablets, Triopeptine Tablets, Double Four Tablets, Antiseptic Vilane Powder, Essence Mentho Laxene, Elixir Chin-Cea Compound, Plain Yellow Minyol, Rose Kaylöin, Tincture Cadomene Compound, Compound Essence Cardiol, Compound Fluid Balmwort, Pine-o-latum. Sales are made through jobbers. J. Albert Blackburn of the above company, was born in Miami county Ohio, near Troy, July 22, 1867. His parents are John L. and Harriet E. (Tice) Blackburn. The father is clerk in the commissary department in the Soldiers' home at Marion, Ind., he being a veteran of the Civil war, which service he entered when a young man. After the war he engaged in farming until 1883, when he came to Dayton and for several years afterwards was connected with the freight office of the C., H. & D. railroad. His family consisted of seven children: J. Albert, David E., I. Robert, Charles E., William C., Stella D., deceased, and Frank M. J. Albert Blackburn was educated in the public schools of Champaign county, Ohio, and was fifteen years old when he accompanied his parents to Dayton, where, for a time, he worked as a newsboy. Afterward he learned the confectionery business and later was interested in this line at Cincinnati, Pittsburg and Denver. For some time he managed several hotels for John Breene and then embarked in business for himself at Huntington, Ind., where he continued for five years. After disposing of his business interests there he was again with Mr. Breene for two years, this association continuing until he went into partnership with his brother at Marion, Ohio, as before stated. Under Mr. Blackburn's able management the business is in a very flourishing condition. He was married September 29, 1891, to Miss Bessie F. Lehman, who is a daughter of Samuel Lehman, of Dayton, and they have one daughter, Lucile B., who resides at home. Mr. Blackburn is a member of the different Masonic bodies and belongs also to the Elks. He is fond of outdoor exercise and finds agreeable recreation as a member of the Dayton Bicycle club.

William C. Blackburn, secretary of the Blackburn Products company, at Dayton, is also well known in business circles in other sections of the country. In association with his brothers, J. Albert and I. Robert Blackburn, he has been interested in the manufacture of proprietary medicines for the past decade, and has filled his present official position since January, 1914. William C. Blackburn was born in Champaign county, Ohio, August 28, 1877, and is a son of John L. and Harriet E. (Tice) Blackburn, who are resi-

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dents of Marion, Ind., where the father, a veteran of the Civil war, is clerk in the commissary department of the Soldiers' home. William C. Blackburn came to Dayton with his parents in 1883 and obtained his education in the public schools and when his books were put aside he found work as an office boy in the Dayton Board of Trade and later, for two years, was connected with the Park theater. Mr. Blackburn then embarked in business for himself in Franklin, Ind., and continued there four years. He returned then to Dayton and was connected with George C. Albert's cigar store here when the Spanish-American was was precipitated and he went into military service as a corporal in the First Ohio cavalry. When the war was over Mr. Blackburn returned to Dayton for a time and then went to Pittsburg, Pa., where he was connected with the Oil Well Supply company for two years. He returned then to Indiana and spent four years at Huntington conducting a business enterprise of his own, going then to the capital, and for two years was manager of a large cafe in Indianapolis. In 1908 he came back to Dayton and joined his brothers in the Prescription Products company and in 1909 established a branch office in Windsor, Canada, where he remained six months until the business of the company was in good running order there. He returned then to Dayton and ever since has been identified with the Blackburn Products company. He is looked upon as one of the city's progressive, enterprising and thoroughly dependable men. He is of most worthy citizenship, a son of a patriotic father and a soldier himself when the country was in danger in 1898, and loyalty has marked his course ever since. He is a member of the Spanish-American War Veteran's association. He was married May 11, 1909, to Miss Evelyn G. Beam, who is a daughter of George H. Beam, of Dayton, and they have one son, William Gaynor Blackburn.

William J. Blackburn, M. D. The claims of the medical profession upon the gratitude of all mankind have never been properly recognized. Among its practitioners have been men of moral heroism worthy of comparison with the members of any other calling. The wide field covered by medicine and surgery brings the practitioner in the closest of relations with the people, and whether his skill, knowledge and ability are fully or adequately recognized or not, a thoroughly qualified man of medicine is a vital force in any community. A worthy representative of this honored calling at Dayton is found in the person of Dr. William J. Blackburn, who is a specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, with offices in the Reibold building. Doctor Blackburn was born at Hamilton, Ohio, September 17, 1868, a son of Robert Blackburn, a contractor, who is now deceased. After attending the public schools of Hamilton and Miami county, Doctor Blackburn took a course in the Ohio Northern university, at Ada. He began his career as a school teacher, a vocation in which so many professional men have made their start, spending four years in Miami county and three years as principal in the Lockington High school. In the meantime, he had been devoting the spare time from his classes in studying medicine, and eventually entered Pulte Medical college, now the medical department of the Ohio State university, from which he was

graduated with the class of 1900. His first practical experience was gained as assistant physician at the home of the Friendless and Foundlings, at Cincinnati, where he spent one year in ministering to the ills of the little charges of the city, and then located at Dayton, where he established himself in a general practice. He soon demonstrated his abilities and talents and built up a large professional business, but in 1914 turned over his practice to a fellow-practitioner and went to the Universiy of Michigan, where he took a post-graduate course in the treatment and cure of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, under the preceptorship of the noted Professor Myers, being at the same time first assistant to that expert. He received the degree of M. D. from the University of Michigan in 1915, and following that started upon a trip of study and observation during which he visited various clinics at Chicago hospitals and institutions, these including the Graduate School of Medicine, the Illinois Eye and Ear Infirmary, the Chicago Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat college and the Alexian Bros. Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat hospital, Cook County and Hahnemann hospitals. Returning to Dayton in 1916, he opened offices at rooms Nos. 661-664 Reibold building, where he has since built up a large and remunerative practice as a specialist. Doctor Blackburn's professional associates universally accord him a high place in the ranks of his calling, and in his special field of service he is accounted an authority. He is a member of the Dayton Homeopathic Medical society, the Miami Valley Medical society, the Ohio State Homeopathic Medical society and the American Institute of Homeopathy and the American Opthalmological, Otological & Laryngological society. His fraternal connections include membership in Mystic Lodge, No. 403, of the Masonic fraternity, in addition to which he is a Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner, and a member of Iola Lodge Knights of Pythias, Dayton Lodge of Odd Fellows, and the Triangle and Exchange and Miami Valley Golf clubs. Doctor Blackburn was married June 30, 1897, to Miss Mary A. Lane, daughter of William Lane, of Fletcher, Ohio, and to this union there have been born two children: Ruth, who is deceased, and Catharine, residing with her parents.

Harry Reese Blagg. Prominent among the men who have contributed materially to the upbuilding of Dayton is Harry Reese Blagg, president of the contracting firm of H. R. Blagg & company. Mr. Blagg belongs to the class of men who have wrought with courage under early handcicaps, who have built from the bottom with persisting patience, who have possessed the broad outlook of enlightened understanding and have loved their city and been just to its demands while struggling to found securely their own business enterprises. Mr. Blagg was born at Urbana, Ohio, May 27, 1866, a son of John R. Blagg, now deceased, who came to Dayton in 1875 and passed the remainder of his life as a contractor. Educated in the public schools of Urbana, Harry R. Blagg went as a youth to Toledo, Ohio, where, under a Mr. Stewart, he served his apprenticeship to the contracting business. When he came to Dayton, in 1886, he formed a connection with the John Rouzer company, and this was maintained until 1916, when he became the founder of

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H. R. Blagg & company, a concern incorporated for $30,000, with the following officials: Harry R. Blagg, president; Raymond O. Holton, vice-president and superintendent; R. R. Webbert, secretary and treasurer; J. D. Eck, superintendent, and Joseph Boegert, director. The business was first established at No. 71 Wyandotte street, but October 1, 1918, was removed to East Third street, where it is now situated. This firm does a general construction business, and to date has handled numerous large and important contracts, in which it has displayed its ability to take care of any project, irrespective of size or time limit. Mr. Blagg, himself an excellent business man, has gathered about him a circle of sound, reliable and capable men, and while the company is a comparatively new one, it has already assured itself of large and continued success. The president is a member of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce and the Y. M. C. A., and is essentially and primarily a business man, but despite his large interests takes a wholesome enjoyment in fraternal and social life, and belongs to the Exchange and Triangle clubs, the Elks, Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias, and is a Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner. Mr. Blagg married Kitty, daughter of Charles Gillis, of Dayton, and they are the parents of one child, Lois.

John H. Blanke. A resident of Montgomery county for more than a half century, John H. Blanke has been a witness to the marvelous development of this fertile section of the Miami valley, and during the many years that he has followed the pursuits of the soil has advanced himself to a position of high standing among agriculturists and to a place of confidence and esteem among his fellow citizens. He was born in Ohio county, Indiana, May 1, 1855, third in order of birth in a family of four sons and four daughters born to Henry and Margaret Blanke. Henry Blanke was born in Holland, in 1828, and was sixteen years of age when he took passage on a sailing vessel for the United States, the voyage consuming seven weeks. After landing at New York, he made his way to Cincinnati, where he took up the trade of shoemaker, working three years without pay in order to master that vocation. As he had been compelled to borrow money with which to come to the United States, and as it was three years before he made any money, with his living expenses still going on, it can be seen that when he entered upon his independent career he did so with the handicap of no inconsiderable indebtedness. However, he was possessed of youth, energy and ambition, and he assumed his obligations cheerfully. After working for a time at his trade, he removed to Ohio county, Indiana, where he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits as a renter. In 1863, however, he returned to his trade and for one year followed it at Dayton, and then removed to Phillipsburg, where he followed the same vocation for seven years. About 1871 he went to Darke county, where, near Baltimore, he purchased fifty acres of land, that continuing as his home until his death in 1907. He was laid to rest in the Lutheran cemetery, where a beautiful monument marks the last resting place of Mr. Blanke and his wife, both of whom were faithful members of the Lutheran church. He was a Republican in his political affiliation. Mrs. Blanke was born in

Germany, met and married Mr. Blanke in Indiana, and died in Darke county, Ohio, about 1863. John H. Blanke was about eight years of age when he became a resident of Ohio, and here his education was secured in the public schools. He began as a wage-earner at a salary of $10 per month while the family lived in town, and when they moved to the farm he was placed in charge of the work there. When he reached his independence at the age of twenty-one years, he was forced to face the world empty-handed, as he had no capital save that represented by his native grit and determination, to which he can give credit for the foundation accomplishments upon which his subsequent prosperity has been built. March 26, 1880, Mr. Blanke was married to Mary H. Ortman, and to this union there have been born two daughters: Emma F., educated in the common schools, and with her husband a member of the Lutheran church, married John Schmieding, a successful agriculturist operating Rose Lawn farm, belonging to his father-in-law, south of Phillipsburg, and a Democrat in politics, and they have two children, Freddie and Esther; and Cora E., educated in the public schools, married Henry Schwierking, a progressive young farmer of Clay township, Montgomery county, with five children: Frederick T., Pearl Anna, Eldora Cora, Ethel May and Orville Robert. Mr. Schwierking was educated in the public schools and is a Democrat in politics, and he and Mrs. Schwierking are members of the Lutheran church at Phillipsburg. Mrs. Blanke was born at Miamisburg, Ohio, March 31, 1857, was reared and educated in her native state, and belonged to a splendid family. She died on her birthday, March 31, 1910. When she and her husband began their married life they had a capital of $500, and their first years were hard ones, necessitating the expenditure of every bit of their energy in order to get started on the highway to success. That they were successful is shown in the fact that in 1919 Mr. Blanke is the owner of 138½ acres, all in Clay township, on which he has erected all the buildings on his home estate, and kept in repair the buildings on the beautiful tract south of Phillipsburg. In his accumulation of these properties, Mr. Blanke was ably assisted by his dutiful daughters and faithful wife Mrs. Blanke was a devoted helpmate, a kind and loving mother and an earnest, zealous Christian, ad the poor and sick always found in her a helpful and compassionate friend. She was a faithful member of the Lutheran church, to which her husband belongs. He is independent in his political affiliation and has not sought public office. His many friends and those who know and appreciate his many qualities are always assured of a sincere welcome at his beautiful home, known as Fair View farm.

Edmond E. Bohlender, M. D., who is engaged in a general practice of medicine at Dayton, is one of the skilled men of his profession, whose reputation measures up to the highest ideals and standards of his calling. He was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, a few miles northwest of Dayton, on the Philadelphia road, March 14, 1868, a son of Peter and Annabelle (Elmore) Bohlender. Peter Bohlender was born in Erlenbach, Germany, but came to the United States in 1848 at a period in the history of his country which gave to America some of its most substantial citizens, who sought

here a freedom not there to be found. Upon reaching this country, Peter Bohlender came west to Ohio, and located at Dayton where he became connected with a nursery. Edmond E. Bohlender was reared in Montgomery and Miami counties, attending the rural school, Shiloh and Popular Grove school, Bethel township. He then attended the Northwestern university of Hardin county, Ohio, and the Medical college of Ohio, being graduated from the latter in the class of 1894, with the degree of M. D. For a year thereafter he was engaged in practice at Piqua, Ohio, and then February 2, 1895, located at Dayton, where he has since remained, building up a connection that is not only profitable, but reflects credit on his skill and personality. Professionally Doctor Bohlender belongs to the Montgomery county Medical society, the Ohio State Medical society and the American Medical association. A Mason in good standing he belongs to Mystic Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and he is also a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Council Junior Order United American Mechanics, and the Y. M. C. A. Not only is he a consistent member of the Memorial Presbyterian Church of Dayton, but he has been an elder of it for several years. February 21, 1895, Doctor Bohlender was united in marriage with Miss Clara Belle Dinsmore, a daughter of William and Sarah (Brenner) Dinsmore, of Brandt, Bethel township, Miami county, Ohio. Doctor and Mrs. Bohlender have the following children: William E., junior student in the mechanical department of the Ohio State university and lives at home; Catherine, who is the wife of Carl D. Kessler of Dayton; and Anna Belle, George P., and John E., all of whom are at home. Doctor Bohlender moved to Miami county when fourteen years of age, remaining there for about thirteen years when he returned to Dayton, Montgomery county, where his interests are centered and where he takes an intelligent and effective concern in everything likely to develop the city's resources and add to its prestige, proving himself in all particulars a broad-gauged man of high conceptions of citizenship.

John Bohlmann. It is an acknowledged fact that in the great Mississippi valley, among the best citizenship to be found are agriculturists who have come from other countries in modest circumstances and who, while bettering their own conditions, have served to advance the general welfare, to aid in the work of progress and development, and to elevate principles and standards in civic life and in educational, moral and religious movements and institutions. In this connection mention may be made of Mr. and Mrs. John Bohlmann, of Perry township, Montgomery county, who have contributed materially to the upbuilding of their part of the Miami valley, where they are widely known and universally respected and esteemed. Mr. Bohlmann was born at Teding Hanson, Brownsby, Germany, November 22, 1845, the third in a family of seven sons and five daughters born to Herman and Anna (Heincka) Bohlmann. Of these children seven are living, four as residents of Germany, and two of Preble county, Ohio, and all agriculturists. The parents, who passed their entire lives in Germany, were honest, God-fearing people, who devoted themselves to agricultural pursuits and were devout members of the Lutheran church, in which

faith they reared their children. John Bohlmann secured his education in the public schools of his native land and was reared on the farm of his father, remaining under the parental roof until he reached the age of twenty-three years. At that time he decided that better opportunities awaited him in the United States, and in the spring of 1869, with his cash capital of $200, he embarked at Bremen, and sailed to the port of Baltimore, whence he immediately made his way to the home of his uncle in Preble county, coming across with a friend, Henry Wieke, who had formerly spent ten years in this country. His uncle, a Mr. Voge, had a farm in Preble county, on which Mr. Bohlmann secured employment at $10 per month, so it will be seen that he started life practically upon his own resources, but he possessed native frugality and energy and made his labor effective and the stepping-stone to better things. He transferred his activities subsequently from farm labor to the cultivation of tobacco, a field in which he was reasonably successful during the six or seven years that he applied himself thereto, and in 1879 effected his first purchase of land, a tract of 100 acres, for which he went into debt. This land was located in Perry township, and the buildings thereon were in a dilapidated condition while the farm was generally run down as to cultivation and improvements. In 1893, Mr. Bohlmann purchased sixty-three acres more, and in 1910 an additional 104 acres. In 1919 he has an estate comprising 267 acres, all located in Section 19, Perry township, with completely remodeled buildings, and in addition to having this large estate entirely free from encumbrance of any kind has other holdings which make him one of the substantial citizens of his community. Mr. Bohlmann owes his success to his industry and good management and to the able assistance of his devoted and estimable wife, who has stood at his side during the entire period of his struggles, giving him help and counsel, in addition to rearing the children to lives of honesty and industry and making a happy and comfortable home. November 26, 1885, Mr. Bohlmann was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Sophia (Aldeheit) Habekort, and to this union there were born two sons and one daughter. Henry H., the eldest, who makes his home with his parents, is a product of the public schools, a progressive agriculturist, a faithful member of the Lutheran church, and a Democrat in his political affiliations. Anna Catherine, the only daughter, was educated in the public schools, and is a young woman of marked intellectuality and much musical talent, who has a great desire to become a professional nurse. She is a helpful member of the Lutheran church at West Alexandria and has been active in its various movements. Herman F., the youngest child and son, is a product of the public schools and is engaged in agricultural pursuits. He married Miss Marie Luella Moore, and they are members of the Lutheran church, while Mr. Bohlmann is independent in politics. Mr. and Mrs. Bohlmann have every reason to point with pardonable pride to their children, who have become worthy and honorable citizens. Mrs. Bohlmann was born in Hanover, Germany, December 2, 1864, a daughter of Henry Dietrich and Catherine (Briems) Habekort. Mrs. Bohlmann's brother, Henry, is an agriculturist of Preble county, and has a son, Frederick, who served in

the United States army, and after receiving his honorable discharge, returned to his home. He took part in much of the hard fighting, had experiences in "No Man's Land," and in one terrible battle was so close to the enemy that he could see their faces, but was mercifully spared from wounds. Mrs. Bohlmann was educated in her native land. She has been a faithful helpmate to her husband, and has done much to assist him in his rise to prosperity. Mr. Bohlmann is a Democrat. He and his family are active members of the Lutheran church at West Alexandria, and have aided in its movements and in the erection of the edifice. They are cordial and hospitable people, who welcome friend and stranger alike into their happy home, and are eminently worthy of representation in the Memoirs of the Miami Valley of Ohio.

Walter E. Boren. Three generations of the Boren family have contributed to the upbuilding and development of the city of Dayton in the capacity of general contractors, and many of the city's most handsome and stately buildings stand as monuments to their workmanship and skill. The name of the concern of John W. Boren & Sons company now stands for a business that has been brought to a high point of efficiency in its every department; but more than that, it represents the combined work of the members of one family in developing a solid structure of business worth and substantiality. The present business, which was established by John W. Boren, was incorporated in 1913, with a capital of $25,000, and the following officers: John W. Boren, president; Walter E. Boren, secretary and treasurer, and Wesley Boren, vice-president and general manager. The plant is located at Columbia and Louie streets. Prior to the incorporation of the concern, only brick contract work had been done by the father and sons, although their business was important and included brick work on several of the large buildings of the city, notably the City National bank, the Miami Valley hospital and the Nurse's home. Since the incorporation, they have branched out in all directions and enlarged their scope, their activities now taking in every kind of general contracting. Among their achievements may be mentioned the two large public schoolhouses in Preble county, a large packing house for the Burkhardt Packing company, the plant of the Dayton Pure Milk and Butter company, and the Fairview office for the Dayton Telephone company. The firm has won a notable reputation for integrity in the fulfillment of contracts, this having always been a matter of personal pride with the members. John W. Boren, president, was born at Dayton, January 25, 1852, and is strictly a product of the city, having been educated in the public schools and receiving all his training here. His father, Wesley Boren, a native of Tennessee, was engaged in contracting at Dayton, and it was under his direction that the youth learned his first lessons of business, which were to prove of incalculable value to him in the following years. When he entered business on his own account, it was as a manufacturer of brick, which naturally drew him into the brick contracting business, this being his line until he founded the company of which he is now president. He is widely known in business circles as a man of splendid ability and honorable principles and has numerous con-

nections with social, fraternal and civic bodies. Walter E. Boren, his son, secretary and treasurer of the company, was born at Dayton, September 30, 1878, and received his education in the public schools. Immediately upon the conclusion of his literary training, he engaged in business with his father, whose associate he has always been. He has inherited the family business acumen and resourcefulness, to which he has added his own initiative and enthusiasm, the whole combining to make him a figure of importance in the contracting field. Mr. Boren married Miss Alice C. Gondert, daughter of William Gondert, of Dayton, and they are the parents of two children: John W. and Mary Jane.

Charles H. Bosler. The career of Charles H. Bosler, of Dayton, has been one in which he has demonstrated the possession of versatile gifts, for he has been lawyer and street railway builder, and at the present time is proprietor of the Dayton Overland Sales company, one of his city's thriving automobile enterprises. In each capacity in which he has been engaged, Mr. Bosler has found success by reason of his native talent and energy, and in each of the several localities in which he has resided he has sustained an enviable reputation for business integrity. Mr. Bosler was born at Dayton, November 8, 1866, a son of Harman Bosler. He attended the public schools for his preparatory education, and then completed a course at Dennison university, from which he was graduated in 1890, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Entering the office of Gunckel & Rowe, he studied law and was admitted to the bar in March, 1893. Mr. Bosler was engaged in the practice of his profession until 1908, and was known as a skilled and successful lawyer, but other interests began to attract his attention and more and more he was drawn away from the law. In 1906, he was interested in the building of railways at Enid and Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Port Arthur, Texas, and for some time held a large interest in these electric street roads. He still has holdings in the same line, and is a director in the Dayton Street Railway company. In 1911, Mr. Bosler became the owner through purchase of the Dayton Overland Sales company, and at this time has thirty people in his employ in the large establishment on North Main street. He is a leading and prominent figure in the automobile industry and is generally widely known and greatly esteemed in business circles of the city. He holds membership in the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, the Young Men's Christian Association, and the Buz Fuz, Dayton and Dayton Country clubs, of the last-named of which he is vice-president. Mr. Bosler is a Scottish Rite Mason, an Elk and a Shriner. October 8, 1896, he married Bessie C., daughter of Samuel E. Kumler, of Dayton, and they are the parents of three children: Barrett K., Richard G., and Charles H., Jr.

Fenton Bott. Among the diversions of present-day social life, the one which perhaps has the greatest vogue is dancing; yet, while it has come to its greatest form of development only within comparatively recent years, this form of exercise or amusement has been known throughout the ages. The art dates back to the early Egyptians, who ascribed that invention to their god Thoth. Among the ancient Jews, Miriam danced to a sound of trumpets, and David

danced in procession before the Ark of God. Religious processions went with song and dance to the temples; the Cretan chorus moving in measured pace sang hymns to the Greek god Apollo (to whom was applied the name of "The Dancer" by Pindar), and Terpsichore, one of the muses, was the especial patroness of the art. The Phrygian Corybantes danced in honor of Cybele, and the festivals of Rhea Silvia at Rome were also accompanied by wild dances, while during the early festival of Mars the Salian priests sang and danced, beating their shields. The Spartans practiced dancing as a gymnastic exercise; the Romans in general frowned upon the art in connection with religious exercises; but the early Christians practiced choral dances. The Puritan ancestors saw deadly sin in promiscuous dancing, but many advancements both in knowledge and otherwise have been brought about since the straight-laced days of the grim and dour Puritan Fathers. Among the less civilized nations the dance is always a ceremony, frequently attached to battle, or victory, or death, and nearly always attended by magic. Whether in the dark ages or in modern times, or among civilized or savage nations, the dance has always been accounted one of man's chief pleasures, and as practiced at present in the larger social centers all over this country, is something that not only adds to pleasure, serves as a social medium in bringing congenial people together, makes for grace and strength of body, but is also a decided help to health and long life. Every large city now has its dancing academies where both young and old are trained in the mysteries of Terpsichore, and at Dayton one that has found especial favor with the people is the Bott Dancing Academy, better known as the Mansion Studio, which was established in 1908 by Fenton Bott. Mr. Bott was born at Tiffin, Ohio, April 24, 1875, a son of Rev. Jacob Bott, who for many years was a minister but now deceased. Jacob Bott was the father of three other sons, all dancing masters: J. A. Bott, of Cleveland; Raymond, of Youngstown, and James L., of Cincinnati, deceased. Since the demise of James L. Bott, his widow has been conducting the Academy. The public schools of Tiffin furnished Fenton Bott with his educational training, and when he secured employment it was in the service of the Postal Telegraph company, with which he remained for about eighteen years. From a humble capacity, through fidelity and industry he rose to a prominent office, and in 1902 came to Dayton as district manager for that company. From his boyhood, Mr. Bott has been fond of dancing. This may seem strange in the face of his father's vocation, but the elder Bott evidently was a broad-minded man who did not discourage his son's innocent pleasure. The youth had the ability to master accurately and almost immediately the most intricate steps, and with the passage of the years his skill and grace developed fully and he eventually decided to turn his ability to some account. He began by giving lessons as a private instructor to a select few, but after coming to Dayton decided to open a school, although he did not sever his business connection at that time. So successful was his venture that he found his time too fully taken up by both activities and finally, in 1913, began to teach dancing exclusively. His first academy was located on the West side, but in

1913 came the great flood, and following the passing of the waters he settled at his present location, No. 319 West Third street, where he has a ballroom 50 by 100 feet, equipped with every modern facility for the proper instruction in ballroom, classic and semi-classic dancing. He has both general and special classes, and among his pupils are representatives of Dayton's leading families and most exclusive social circles. A special department of Mr. Bott's academy is one in which the discipline and deportment of children are taken care of. As has been noted, Mr. Bott is a thorough master of all the modern dances, and in Mrs. Bott he has a most capable assistant. They were married June 10, 1907, she having been Miss Jessie Kelly, daughter of Clinton W. Kelly, and a native of Dayton, where she was a teacher in the Central District school. They have one daughter, Margaret, who is already showing herself to be a dancing prodigy with a very promising future. Mr. Bott is a member of the American Association of Masters of Dancing, and his standing in his calling may be seen from the fact that at the thirty-eighth annual convention of the association, held August 29, 1918, he was elected to the office of president for the year 1919. He stands high in Masonry, having attained the Scottish Rite and Knight Templar degrees, and is a Shriner, and a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He belongs also to the Dayton club, the Dayton Bicycle club and the Dayton Rotary club, and is an active member of the Greater Dayton association. His acquaintance is wide in business and social circles, and as a citizen he has supported all worthy movements.

Rev. Edgar W. Bowers. The important positions of life demand the activities of men of high caliber and marked intelligence, and in the career of Rev. Edgar W. Bowers, of Brookville, there is shown the record of a man possessing these characteristics which have been directed along the channels of religion, agriculture and public service. In each of his fields of endeavor Reverend Bowers has displayed and exercised abilities of a high character which have placed him in a position of marked precedence among the valuable residents of Montgomery county. Rev. Edgar W. Bowers was born October 25, 1851, in Botetourt county, Va., the eldest of four sons and four daughters born to Jacob and Sarah (Bear) Bowers, of whom six children are living, although he is the only one in Montgomery county. The family is traced back five hundred years in Leipzig, Germany, and the old family records are still preserved as are also a number of heirlooms. Jacob Bowers was also born in the Old Dominion state, in the same locality as was his son, December 9, 1829, and died November 7, 1886. He was possessed of an academic education and was a man of intelligence and mental superiority and in addition to following agricultural pursuits for some years practiced veterinary surgery. At the outbreak of the Civil war he was living in a state belonging to the Southern Confederacy and was later drafted into the Army of the Gray, but his sympathies were all with the North and he eventually effected his escape to the Union lines, where he donned a blue uniform and fought in defense of the Government until the close of the struggle, when he received his honorable discharge. January 5, 1865, the family migrated to Mont-

gomery county, Ohio, the family possessions in Virginia having been confiscated. A short stay was made in Preble county, but the family then moved on in wagons to Montgomery county, where Jacob Bowers passed the remainder of his life. He was a staunch Republican and admirer of President Lincoln and stood firmly by the principles of the Republican party. As a churchman he worked faithfully in behalf of the movements of the Methodist faith, and as a total abstainer was a relentless foe of the liquor traffic and the tobacco habit. For years he held high official positions in the church, in which Mrs. Bowers was also an active worker. Her birth occurred in Virginia, July 18, 1883, and her death in Montgomery county, August 4, 1907, when she was laid to rest at the side of her husband in New Hope cemetery. Rev. Edgar W. Bowers was fourteen years of age when he entered the schoolroom and when he was twenty years of age was engaged in teaching a rural school near Richmond, Ind. During the five years he was thus engaged he remained in one place four years, showing that even at this early age he had stability of character. His carefully saved earnings were then invested in a course of study at the Academy of White Water, Ind., where he spent three years, the following two years being passed as a student of Otterbein university, where he took the classical course. Reverend Bowers entered the ministry of the United Brethren church in 1877 near Loveland, Ohio, where he remained two years in charge of the Cozza Dale mission, following which he spent two years at New Haven. During all this time, financial circumstances had kept him from completing his theological course, but he perseveringly kept on. From New Haven he went to Dayton, where he remained three years, and then graduated from Bonebreak Theological college, following which he was assigned as pastor to a charge at Brookville, Ohio, where, from 1884 to 1887, he received 330 new members in his parish. His next charge was at Vandalia, where he remained two years, subsequently going to Springfield, where he remained three years. From that point he went to Union City, Ind., with a record of having added 256 members to his congregation during the two years of his pastorate, the membership of the Springfield church being increased to more than 500 souls. While at Springfield he organized the church society at Middletown, Ohio. While at Union City, Reverend Bowers received a call to Middletown, to build up an organization of the church. He held his first services there in a small dwelling, and immediately impressed himself upon the people so favorably that they finally induced him to settle permanently in that locality. For a number of years he labored faithfully at Middletown, where today there stands an edifice of the church which in its erection called for the expenditure of $40,000, only one of the direct results of his labors among the people. In 1900 Reverend Bowers removed to Lewisburg, where he followed his ministerial work for two years, being then called to Cincinnati as pastor of the Willey Memorial church on the north side of the city. After one year of hard and zealous work his health failed and he removed, in 1907, to his farm in Clay township, a tract of fifty-six and one-half acres known as Rest Haven farm, upon which are excellent build-

ings and modern improvements of every kind. His farm is devoted to the raising of live stock and he makes a specialty of O. I. C. and Poland China hogs. Reverend Bowers is a staunch supporter of high principles in all the avenues of life, and while he is a Republican and cast his first ballot in favor of the presidency of General Grant, he frequently exercises his prerogative of voting for the man rather than the party. He is strict in the matter of temperance and his work in this direction has proved a profound blessing to a number of the communities in which he has labored. His official services have included membership on the board of trustees of Clay township, a position which he still retains. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Lone Star Lodge, No. 738, I. O. O. F., of Springfield; Lagonda Encampment of that order, No. 280; and Middletown Lodge, No. 326, Jr. O. U. A. M. August 2, 1877, Reverend Bowers was united in marriage with Dora B. Ault, who was born February 14, 1856, at Eldorado, Preble county, Ohio, a daughter of David and Elza (Tebo) Ault, both deceased, who traced their ancestry to Germany. Mrs. Bowers was educated in the public schools and has been a great help to her husband in his ministerial labors, she being an active worker in the various movements of the church. Of the three sons and two daughters born to Reverend and Mrs. Bowers, three children are living: Ethel May, a graduate of Brookville High school and subsequently a student at Otterbein university, where among other subjects she took instruction in music. She married Prof. C. F. Meyer, a resident of Englewood, Ohio, a highly educated gentleman and ordained minister of the United Brethren church, and now superintendent of schools of Englewood, and they have four children: Theodore, Esther, Rudolph and Helen. William O. Bowers, a resident of Xenia, Ohio, where he is engaged in the practice of veterinary surgery, is a graduate of Brookville High school and of the Ohio State university in the veterinary science. He is a Mason and a Republican in politics, and he and his wife belong to the United Brethren church. He married May Wathel, and they have a son, William. Paul E. Bowers, the youngest of the children of Reverend and Mrs. Bowers, is a graduate of the Brookville public schools. He is of a mathematical turn of mind and has promise of becoming a mechanical genius. When he was but ten years of age he was so far advanced in the science and mechanics of electricity that he was able to completely wire his father's home and place an electric light in each room.

L. G. Bowers, M. D. For more than fourteen years Dr. L. G. Bowers has been engaged in the practice of surgery at Dayton, and during this period has become known as one of the leaders of his art as well as a contributor to the literature of his profession. As surgery is a more exact science than therapeutics, it offers greater opportunities to a practitioner of scientific ability. He was born at Shelbyville, Ind., October 26, 1870, a son of James K. Bowers, and there received his early education in the public schools. Subsequently, he went to the high school at Noah, Ind., and after some further preparation began his professional studies at the Louisville (Ky.) Medical college, where he was graduated with the degree of M. D., with the class of 1898. He spent one year in the Louisville

College hospital as an interne and began practice at Richmond, Ind., which continued to be his field of endeavor until 1905. He then came to Dayton, where he established himself in practice, specializing in surgery. He is at this time a member of the staff of the Miami hospital, having formerly been for seven years on the St. Elizabeth's hospital staff. For years he has been connected with the various organizations of his profession. He belongs among others to the Montgomery County Medical society, the Ohio State Medical society and the American Medical association, and holds a degree from the American College of Surgeons. He is also a member of the Mississippi Valley Medical society and the North American Surgical association. He maintains offices in the Fidelity Medical building. His public spirit has led him to attach himself to various civic movements and to give his support to all enterprises calculated to contribute to the general welfare. Doctor Bowers was united in marriage August 25, 1893, with Pearl A., daughter of Michael Yarling, of Shelbyville, Ind., and to this union there have been born three children: Cyril K., who graduated in mechanical engineering at Cornell university, in the class of February, 1919; James M., who has decided to follow his father's profession and is a medical student at the University of Michigan; and Anderson I., who resides with his parents, and is a Senior high school student.

Burnett B. Brady. Consistent advancement and well-merited promotion in financial circles have marked the career of Burnett B. Brady, who has also been prominently identified at Dayton and elsewhere as a constructive worker in the Young Men's Christian Association. He was born at Miamisburg, Ohio, June 11, 1883, a son of Thomas S. and Katie F. (Gilbrecht) Brady, natives of the Miami Valley of Ohio, where the families are well and favorably known. For some years Thomas S. Brady was foreman of Bookwalter's Wheel Works, but is now deceased, while Mrs. Brady still survives and is a resident of Miamisburg. Burnett B. Brady secured his early education in the graded and high schools of Miamisburg, following which he entered upon his independent career, the early death of his father having made it necessary that the youth take the responsibility of caring for himself and adding to the family income. For one and one-half years he worked in a grocery, when he was offered a position with the Citizens National bank of Miamisburg for which he worked at $20.00 per month until this bank was purchased by the First National bank of the same place, one and one-half years later. Although the salary was small he considered the training in banking sufficient to offset this, but in order to make ends meet, he collected bad accounts for merchants and professional men, and thus was able to save a small sum of money. Later, in 1904, he came to Dayton as bookkeeper for the Dayton Savings and Trust company and entered the night school at the Y. M. C. A., taking up English and Commercial Law. His industry and fidelity, with his capability, earned him promotion to the post of receiving teller, which he retained until 1908. In the meantime, he had maintained his interest in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association, and in the year mentioned was prevailed upon by that organization to go to South Bend, Ind., and to assume

the duties of secretary of the Boys' division. This position he retained for one and one-half years, but eventually returned to the Dayton Savings & Trust company, as assistant secretary from which post he has risen to that of vice-president and secretary. He also has other business connections, being secretary of the Dayton Laundry company and a director in the Provident Loan and Collection company, and has built up a reputation for energy, enterprise and soundness in business affairs. He is a constructive worker in the Greater Dayton association, along with other public-spirited men; maintains his interest in the work of the Y. M. C. A. as a member of the Board and Boys' Work committee, and is president of the Young Men's Class of the First United Brethren church. As a fraternalist, he is a thirty-second degree Mason, belonging to Antioch Temple, of the Scottish Rite, and is also a Shriner. Mr. Brady was married September 17, 1917, to Miss Jane E. Kilmer, daughter of Henry F. Kilmer, of Springfield, Ohio.

Frank S. Breene, former city solicitor of Dayton, and senior member of the law firm of Breene, Dwyer & Finn, has been engaged in practice at the Gem city for thirty-five years. Mr. Breene was born at Dayton, November 20, 1860, a son of William C. Breene. His early education was obtained in the public schools, and after his graduation from high school he began the study of his chosen profession in the offices of Marshall & Gottshall, a leading firm of Dayton lawyers of the late '70s and early '80s. He was admitted to the bar in 1883 and immediately began practice alone, and through the years that followed built up a large clientele and was retained in many cases of importance. In January, 1918, Mr. Breene became senior member of the firm of Breene, Dwyer & Finn, the business of which takes its members into all of the courts. He is a member of the Montgomery County Bar association and of the Lawyers' club, and fraternizes with the Elks and the K. of P. For four years he served efficiently in the capacity of city solicitor of Dayton. His citizenship had always been of a public-spirited character, and civic enterprises have never failed to secure his assistance where they have been found to be worthy.

Edward S. Breese, M. D. Professional and civic honors are seldom bestowed upon an individual without his having accomplished something beyond the ordinary to deserve them. The plaudits of assembled multitudes do not come unless they are deserved, for the public is discriminating and must be satisfied as to a man's real worth before it acclaims him a benefactor of mankind. There is no doubt but that many go to their graves unsung who deserve the thanks and appreciation of their fellow-citizens, but there are others whose personalities are strong enough to compel recognition and earn appreciation. Such men, while they may be naturally modest and retiring, through their own deeds bring themselves before the public. The majority of such men are gathered from the class called self-made, for it is in the school of experience and hard work that the most valuable of life's lessons are learned. In this school men learn to be self-reliant, self-respecting and self-supporting, and necessarily of value to others. Such a man was the late Dr. Edward S. Breese, for years one of the leading physicians and

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surgeons of Dayton. Doctor Breese was born August 7, 1866, at Wapakoneta, Ohio, of German and Welsh descent, and the death of his father caused the twelve-year-old lad to enter the home of an aunt and uncle on a farm in Greene county, Ohio, where he remained fifteen years, during the greater part of which time he did hard, physical labor on the farm during the summer months. His aunt, a woman of strong and sturdy character, was a great believer in the value of education, and encouraged her willing nephew to make use of his every opportunity, with the result that he not only became a great reader upon a variety of subjects, but attended strictly to his lessons at the district schools and September 14, 1887, entered the middle preparatory department of Antioch college, although he had to travel four miles and back daily in order to attend this institution. He pursued his studies one year at Antioch and then obtained a certificate and secured a district school which he taught for one year. The following year he returned to Antioch, pursued his studies with unabated vigor, and after accomplishing six years' work in five years, by burning the midnight oil, was graduated with honors with the class with which he had originally entered the college. Graduated June 21, 1893, with the degree of B. A., in June, 1895, his alma mater conferred upon him the degree of M. A. on the submission of a thesis relating to higher mathematics. In the autumn of 1893 Doctor Breese became principal of the high school at Fairfield, Ohio, a position which he held three years, and in October, 1896, matriculated at the Medical College of Cincinnati, where he pursued a difficult curriculum, finishing four years' work in three years by permission of the faculty on account of his college degrees. He received the degree of M. D. May 2, 1899, received the prize given by the late Prof. James T. Whittaker, who occupied the chair of Theory and Practice of Medicine, and delivered the class oration. June 1, 1899, Doctor Breese became a member of the medical staff of the National Military home, at Dayton, that he might have additional opportunity to study the mysteries of human disease and at the same time to minister capably and sympathetically to the ills of thousands of soldiers who had so bravely defended the flag of the Union during the dark days of Secession. That his efforts at that institution were of the highest character was evidenced by the fact that within six months of the time of his arrival he was promoted second assistant surgeon and one year later first assistant surgeon, and when he left, four years later, October 1, 1904, his resignation was accepted by Gov. J. B. Thomas with expressed regret upon the part of his excellency and the members of his staff. Immediately, Doctor Breese located at No. 628 N. Main street, Dayton, where he established himself in a general medical and surgical practice that continued to grow in size and importance up to the very time that he was stricken with the fatal malady that caused his death December 16, 1918. As a physician in his dealing with patients he was kind and sympathetic, yet firm and unyielding when his splendid judgment told him that a certain course of action should be followed. Professionally he stood high and held membership in the Montgomery County Medical society, the Dayton Academy of Medicine, the Ohio State Medical

society and the American Medical association, and was also a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. In his death his profession lost one of its able and conscientious members, and one not alone whose knowledge benefited only those of his practice, for as a surgeon many colleagues bore testimony to his value as an instructor and associate and in consultation his advice was considered authority. He was conservative, with the added quality of bold self-confidence; and self-control, acquired by the hardships of his early life, and accurate knowledge, gained through years of painstaking study, enabled him on many occasions to stand firm and do the right thing when death lurked at his elbow. He was never content with the ordinary and superficial condition of things; the same insatiable thirst for information which had caused him, as a young man, to travel four miles and back daily to attend Antioch college, caused him to seek the newest professional knowledge in the large medical and surgical centers of this continent. As a citizen he discharged faithfully all the duties devolving upon him, and was a constant and earnest supporter of all movements formulated for the benefit of the community, religious, civic, educational and charitable. His dealings were characterized by uprightness and honor, and the example of his life should prove an inspiration to young men just starting out upon their careers who feel that they are handicapped by lack of financial aid or other helpful influence. Fraternally, the Doctor was well known in Masonry, belonging to Dayton Lodge, F. & A. M., Unity Chapter, R. A. M., and Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and was also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He was married September 7, 1905, to Miss Carrie B. Daughters, whose help and devoted companionship guided him through the hard and laborious years, and whose faith and encouragement inspired him to still greater accomplishment during the more prosperous time that followed. She survives him as a resident of Dayton, in her modern and attractive home at the corner of Ridgewood and Schenck avenues.

Warren Conrad Breidenbach, M. D. The wide field covered by the science of medicine and surgery brings the practitioner into the closest of relations with the people, in fact, incorporates his with their daily lives. Whether his skill, knowledge and ability are fully recognized or not, a thoroughly qualified man of medicine is a vital force in any community. Of the younger generation of Dayton's physicians, one who during the short period of his practice has given promise of reaching high rank and a position of influence in the city's life is Dr. Warren Conrad Breidenbach. He is a native of Piqua, Ohio, born January 27, 1894, a son of Conrad W. and Elisa (Steller) Breidenbach, and received his early educational training in Piqua's public schools. His university training was secured at the Ohio State university and the University of Michigan, from which latter institution he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in the class of 1915, and that of Doctor of Medicine in the class of 1917, and for one year thereafter was an interne in the Miami Valley hospital, Dayton. He also served as house physician and surgeon for the same hospital, for a time, and November 6, 1918, was commissioned a first lieutenant in the United States Army

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Medical Corps. Since April, 1919, he has been engaged in private practice at Dayton, with offices in the Medical building, in association with Drs. C. H. Breidenbach and J. D. Fouts. His thorough preparation, combined with his natural ability and general qualifications for his chosen calling, have served to gain him rapid advancement and he is beginning to secure practice of the most desirable kind that can fall to the young physician's lot. Doctor Breidenbach is a member of the Montgomery County Medical society and the Ohio State Medical society. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias, and joined the Alpha Sigma Phi at the Ohio State university and the Nu Sigma Nu medical fraternity at the University of Michigan.

William F. Breidenbach. History relates countless cases of men who have attained more than the usual measure of success; who, beginning at the bottom of life's ladder, have worked themselves to the top without outside assistance. Dayton has for many years been the field of operation for many aggressively successful men, and one who essentially belongs to this class is William F. Breidenbach, manager of the Schantz-Thomas plant of the Dayton breweries, and a man connected with numerous other leading enterprises of this progressive city. Mr. Breidenbach was born at Dayton, January 1, 1869, a son of Frederick and Margaret E. (Weis) Breidenbach, natives of Germany. His father was brought to the United States at the age of four years, the family locating at Vandalia, Ohio, where the youth received his education. Coming to Dayton in 1853, he here learned the trade of basket making, but did not find sufficient satisfaction for his industrious labors in this direction and eventually secured a position in the Barney-Smith Car works, where he worked as a machinist. Eventually he embarked in business on his own account as proprietor of a grocery and for a number of years conducted that venture successfully, retiring on a well-earned competence in 1903. Mrs. Breidenbach died in 1910. After attending the public schools of Dayton, William F. Breidenbach took a business course at the Miami Commercial college, and his first practical business experience was with the Dayton Lighting company, with which concern he remained two years. For the six years that followed he was located at New York City, with the Edison Illuminating company, but in 1895 returned to Dayton, where he promoted the Independent Telephone company, and, with John F. Ohmer the Fare Register company. When he sold the telephone plant to the present company he was made manager of the sales department of the latter and remained in charge until 1903, when he resigned to become identified with the company with which he is now connected. The Schantz-Thomas plant of the Dayton breweries was established by John Wager, and was located at the corner of First and Beckel streets. In 1880 this was acquired by N. Thomas and George Weddle from Mr. Brown, who had bought out Mr. Wager's interest. They operated the plant until Mr. Thomas bought the share of Mr. Weddle and it was then conducted as the Hydraulic brewery until about 1900, when a stock company was formed of which Mr. Thomas was made president, and which was known as the N. Thomas Brewing company. In

1906 it was merged with the Dayton Breweries company, which, about 1910, took over the Schantz Brewing company, and the present brewery became known as the Schantz-Thomas branch of the Dayton breweries. The present officers of the Dayton Breweries company are as follows: Adam Schantz, president; Louis L. Wehner, secretary and vice-president; William A. Kreidlen, assistant secretary and treasurer, and William F. Breidenbach, manager of the Schantz-Thomas plant; the directors including, Adam Schantz, Frank W. Wurfel, George P. Sohngen, C. E. Heiser, Ed. C. Sohngen, Clarence Murphy, R. V. Burkhardt, C. Jamison, W. A. Keyes, George Schantz, Louis L. Wehner, George Schantz, Jr., James Flynn, Charles Whealen, Harry G. Wagner, William F. Breidenbach and Edward T. Hall. The capacity of the plant, in which seventy people are employed, is 100,000 barrels per annum, while the bottling is all done in the plant on Brown street, the principal brands being Lilly Brew, N. Thomas Special Brew and Dee Bee Ale. In addition to being connected with this large industry, Mr. Breidenbach is a director of the Dayton Mutual Fire Insurance company and the Monarch Tag company, vice-president of the Thomas Real Estate company, secretary of the Consolidated Utilities company, of New Jersey, and treasurer of the Sheridan Railway and Light company. His sterling integrity and rigid principles of honorable dealing have made him implicitly trusted by his associates, and his keen business sense has made him valuable in the various lines in which he has chosen to direct his efforts. Mr. Breidenbach is a Democrat. He is a member of Holy Trinity Catholic church, and also belongs to the Knights of St. John, the Elks Club and the Greater Dayton association. He was married June 26, 1901, to Miss Katherine A. Thomas, daughter of N. Thomas, of Dayton.

Emmett A. Brenneman. At a time when one of the most important subjects with which the country has to deal is that of agricultural conservation and stimulation, any public position connected with the development or direction of agriculture and its allied interests is one which carries with it grave responsibilites. The most brilliant minds of the nation have been concerned with the governing of our food supply, not alone because of the conditions brought about here, but because of the shortage of food in the countries of our allies in the Great war, and the most serious thought and study have been given to the problems that have come up under this head. Therefore, it is that matters pertaining to this subject should be placed in the hands of those only who are qualified in every direction to wisely and correctly advise and direct. In the choice of Emmett A. Brenneman as county agricultural agent of Montgomery county, the people of this locality secured the services of one who not only had splendid experience and training, but who had inherent ability gained through a line of farming ancestors. Since he assumed the duties of his office, in August, 1914, he has exhibited the best of foresight and acumen and has established a record that marks him as the right man for the right place. Mr. Brenneman is a native Ohioan, born February 3, 1866, in Franklin county. His father, Solomon Brenneman, was

a skilled and industrious farmer who spent the entire active period of his career in tilling the soil and whose agricultural experiences covered an era in which the greatest development and progress was made in the middle west farming communities, not only in the opening up of new areas but in the development of methods and equipment, so that he was comprehensively informed upon farming and proved a good teacher to his son. The elder Brenneman was also a man of worth and substance and of some influence in his community, where he was highly esteemed by his associates and those who came into contact with him in either a business or social way. Emmett A. Brenneman grew up in an agricultural atmosphere and a large part of his boyhood and youth were passed in company with his father in the cultivation of the home estate. In the meantime he acquired an excellent education, attending first the public schools of Franklin county and subsequently taking a course at the Ohio State university, after graduating from which he specially prepared himself in agriculture and horticulture by special study. When he entered upon his career it was as a horticultural farmer in Franklin county, and this continued to be his vocation for a number of years. Always a close student of his calling, he began to lecture before the farmers of his locality, and his soundness of view, knowledge of his subject, and ability to impress others with his own progressive ideas and to give them an insight into the benefits of improved modern methods, soon attracted attention and in 1909 he was retained as a lecturer in farmers' institutes. His work in this direction brought him added reputation and prestige in his chosen field and he traveled extensively, doing much to aid the cause of progressive agriculture in various sections. In August, 1914, Mr. Brenneman was chosen as county agricultural agent for Montgomery county, and to the duties of this position he has since devoted his time and energies. He makes his headquarters at Dayton, where he is greatly interested in various movements connected with advancement and development, and has a wide acquaintance in business and social circles, and particularly in public life among men who have interested themselves in subjects pertaining to farm production and the problems that meet the modern tiller of the soil. Among these men he has won the right to be accounted an expert and an authority, and through his efforts numerous perplexities have been untangled and a better understanding has been brought about between producer and consumer. Mr. Brenneman was married in Franklin county, Ohio, to Miss Laura Plank, a member of a family that has long been identified with that region in agricultural connections.

Charles F. Brenner. In any community, growth and development are largely influenced by those who devote themselves to the exploitation and sale of real estate, and many towns have been rescued from the conventional rut by the progressive realty dealer. Such a man, whose name is also widely known in business circles as a dealer in leaf tobacco, is Charles F. Brenner. He has passed his life in Dayton, where he was born October 8, 1876, a son of John L. and Josephine (Moore) Brenner. His father came of an agri-

cultural family, and was born on a farm in Butler township, Montgomery county, Ohio, where he grew to manhood. His earlier years were passed in tilling the soil, but when still a young man he became interested in dealing in tobacco, and in order to be in the midst of business activities, moved with his family to Dayton. Here he became well and favorably known as a tobacco merchant and as a public-spirited citizen. He held the unqualified confidence of his associates, and after a long and honorable business career was sent to Congress by his fellow-citizens, in which body he established an excellent record for capable and conscientious service. In the evening of life he retired from business cares, and is now deceased. Charles F. Brenner was given his education in public and private schools of Dayton, and was prepared for entrance into commercial affairs by a course at Wilt's Business college. When he was ready to enter upon his career he joined his father in the leaf tobacco business, and at the elder man's death succeeded to the ownership of this enterprise, which controls a large share of the patronage in its line in the city. While engaged primarily in the handling of leaf tobacco, he became convinced of the opportunities awaiting the ambitious and energetic in the field of realty, and gradually became more and more active in that line. He now maintains an office at the corner of Second and Jefferson streets, for the handling of city and suburban properties, and has bought and subdivided several large plots. Mr. Brenner is now serving as member of the board of county commissioners. He is a charter member of the Dayton Rotary club and a general booster of the city whenever occasion offers. He also holds membership in the Young Men's Christian Association and the Dayton City and Dayton Gymnasium clubs, and is fraternally affiliated with the Masons, the Elks and the Eagles. July 10, 1904, Mr. Brenner was united in marriage with Harriet Jeanette, daughter of Francis Westlake, of Dayton, and they are the parents of two children, Charles and John F.

Bernis B. Brien. In brokerage circles of Dayton the name of Bernis B. Brien is known as that of a skilled, shrewd and decisive operator, whose connections are important and whose transactions cover a broad field. Senior member of the firm of Brien, Greene & company, he has been engaged in the stocks, bonds and investment business since 1902, and his advancements have been steady and uniform. Mr. Brien was born at Ashland, Tenn., May 17, 1873, a son of Madison M. Brien, jr., and Virginia K. (Shoup) Brien, and as a lad was brought to Dayton, where he attended the public schools, and in 1896 was graduated from Princeton (N. J.) university. Almost immediately thereafter he became interested in the brokerage business, and in 1902 established the business of Bernis Brien, which, in 1914, was succeeded by the present firm of Brien, Greene & company. Mr. Greene of this concern is a member of the Chicago Board of Trade, and the firm is a local correspondent for Logan & Bryan of that city. The company are brokers in stocks, bonds and investments, are members of the New York Stock Exchange, and own direct wires to all leading markets of the world. Mr. Brien is a director in the Brien & Greene company and a member

of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, and the Dayton County and Buz Fuz clubs. With his family, he belongs to Christ Episcopal church of Dayton. The offices of the concern are located in the City National Bank building.

J. Owen Britton. Among the men who in recent years have won prominence and distinction in banking circles of Dayton, few have exemplified in clearer manner in their careers the worth of industry, fidelity and persistence than has J. Owen Britton. When Mr. Britton entered the financial field, some quarter of a century ago, it was as a bank messenger with the Merchants' National bank, and with this institution he has been connected ever since, rising steadily through his ability and his faithful performance of duty. Mr. Britton was born at Dayton, Ohio, August 5, 1872, a son of James B. Britton. His father died December 28, 1874, when the lad was only two years old, and in his boyhood and youth he was called upon largely to depend upon his own resources and to work industriously for whatever he could get. However, he managed to secure a public school education, and this he later supplemented with a course at the Miami Commercial college. His first experience in a business way was at Cushman's store, and later he was with Rike's, but in 1892 left fields commercial for those financial, when he was given the position of messenger for the Merchants' National bank. From that time forward his career consisted of a series of promotions. As messenger he was given an opportunity to learn something of the system of banking, and when a vacancy occurred in the bookkeeping department he was ready for the place. By stages he next advanced to the post of teller, whence it was but a step to that of assistant cashier, and in January, 1917, he was made cashier of the bank, which position he has most capably filled to the present time. Mr. Britton is widely and favorably known in financial circles of the city, having a wide acquaintance and many friends among the leading bankers here. He is a man who is thoroughly informed on all matters pertaining to conservative banking. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order. His connection with all matters pertaining to the general welfare of Dayton and its people has always been a constructive and progressive one. Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Britton was Miss Margaret Kerfoot, daughter of B. W. Kerfoot, of Dayton, and they are the parents of two children, Richard K., and Rachel O.

Carl B. Brough. All specialized forms of business activity make necessary the possession of highly trained faculties in the particular field in which the operator's energies are centered. Today there are business vocations unheard of no less than a half a century ago, the reason being that modern developments have created requirements in certain fields. One of these occupations is that of the industrial broker, an avenue of business activity open only to those who possess certain peculiar and particular attainments and who are able to apply these talents in a correct manner. In this specialized business, Carl B. Brough has been able to achieve success at Dayton, where he is now at the head of a large and prosperous business, with a long and representative list of clients. He has had wide and varied business experience and is rapidly making a

place for himself among the substantial citizens of Dominant Dayton. Mr. Brough was born at Butler, Mo., May 9, 1887, but was an early resident of Dayton, whence he came with his parents in 1893. He is a product of this city in another way, for his education was secured here in the public schools, and this city also furnished him with his first business training. After a short probationary period, during which he learned the rudiments and fundamentals of business life, he secured employment as a traveling salesman for the Dayton Paper Novelty company. Mr. Brough won success as a knight of the grip and remained on the road for eleven years, during which time he formed a wide acquaintance among business men throughout the length and breadth of the United States. Eventually, he decided to embark in business on his own account, and accordingly established himself as the president of the Brough-Anchor Manufacturing company, at Dayton, a business which he founded. After eight months' experience as a manufacturer, he received an advantageous offer and disposed of his interests, and at that time entered the general brokerage business. He was quick to perceive the advantages offered by a specialized participation in this line, and after one year turned his attention to the service brokerage business, or, as it is also known, industrial brokerage, a line in which he has met with encouraging success, and to which he has devoted himself exclusively since 1917. Mr. Brough maintains offices at 805-6-7-8 Reibold building. He is a citizen who favors constructive movements in city government, and as a fraternalist belongs to St. John's Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

Daniel C. Brower. It is not every individual who can excel in both business and politics. Every line of activity demands of its devotees certain characteristics, and few there are who are so able to adapt those that they possess that they can make themselves fitted for success in divergent avenues of progress. Yet there are men at Dayton whose names are equally well known in political and business circles and one who can honestly lay claim to such distinction is Daniel C. Brower, a widely known operator in insurance, who occupies the position of chief deputy of the board of elections. Mr. Brower was born in Preble county, Ohio, January 30, 1876, a son of Joseph S. and Susan (Eby) Brower, natives of Preble county, where they were engaged in agricultural operations. In 1882 they moved to Montgomery county, where they also farmed, and there the mother passed away two years later, while the father survived until April 21, 1911. Daniel C. Brower secured good educational advantages, first attending the public schools of Montgomery county, later the Trotwood (Ohio) High school, and finally the Ohio Northern university at Ada. For seven years thereafter he taught in Madison township, Montgomery county, and then became principal of the New Lebanon schools. In the meantime he had solicited insurance as a side line, and in 1902 engaged in that business with A. F. Burdoin, as assistant district manager for the National Life Insurance company of Vermont. Two years later he became district manager, a position which he still retains. For nine years he had the satisfying record of having ranked first in business secured among all general agents in the state of Ohio, and in June,

1919, broke all records of business secured by agents in the history of the company's existence, a period of sixty-nine years, when he wrote $134,000 worth of business. Mr. Brower, aside from being one of the best-known insurance men in the state, has also been prominent in politics. In 1900 he was candidate for precinct committeeman on the Republican ticket, and was elected to that post. In 1906 he managed the campaign for his brother, George W. Brower, who was the successful candidate for county recorder. Two years later he managed his brother's campaign when the latter was candidate for county auditor, and in 1910, his brother having died, became candidate for that office himself. He then began to organize the county, but refused the chairmanship until 1918, when he accepted and became chairman of the county and city Republican committee. In 1913 he became a candidate for the board of elections, and after four days of balloting was recommended by the Republican executive committee. The state being influenced by politics, the commission was refused even after having received a majority of the executive board votes, but the matter was carried to the supreme court of Ohio. That tribunal ordered Mr. Graves to issue Mr. Brower his commission, which was received by him October 1, 1913. In that year he was elected unanimously as a member of the board, and May 1, 1919, he was elevated to the post of chief deputy of the board of elections. Mr. Brower is a member of the Republican club; Linden Lodge, Knights of Pythias; the Junior Order of United American Mechanics; Trotwood Lodge, No. 54, I. O. O. F.; the Miami Valley Golf club, and the Y. M. C. A. December 23, 1915, he married Mary, daughter of John T. and Emma (Brown) Anderson, of West Alexandria, Ohio, and they have one daughter: Dorothy Charlotte.

Gilbert T. Brown, M. D., vice-president and medical director of the Gem City Life Insurance company, is devoting himself to work in behalf of those afflicted with the great white plague, and is recognized as an authority on tuberculosis at Dayton. He was born at West Manchester, Preble county, Ohio, August 13, 1869, a son of John and Sarah (Byram) Brown. Gilbert T. Brown passed his boyhood attending the public schools of his native place. Completing his studies in them, he entered Otterbein university, and was a student there for five years, following which he took the regular course at Starling Medical college, now the Ohio State university, from which he was graduated in 1895, with the degree of M. D. For the first two years after securing his degree, he was in general practice at Dayton, then moved to Phillipsburg, Ohio, where he remained for twelve years. Once more he came to Dayton, and for some years has confined himself almost exclusively to specializing on tuberculosis. He is an active member of the Montgomery County Medical society, the Ohio State Medical society and the American Medical association. In Masonic circles he has attained the Thirty-second degree, Scottish Rite, is a Shriner, and he also belongs to the Elks. Enthusiastic with reference to the future of Dayton, Doctor Brown has long championed those measures which have as an object an expansion of the municipal work in behalf of those suffering from tuberculosis, and an improvement of sanitation, and

naturally is a member of the Greater Dayton association. June 4, 1895, Doctor Brown was united in marriage with Maria C., a daughter of Martin Pauley, of Dayton.

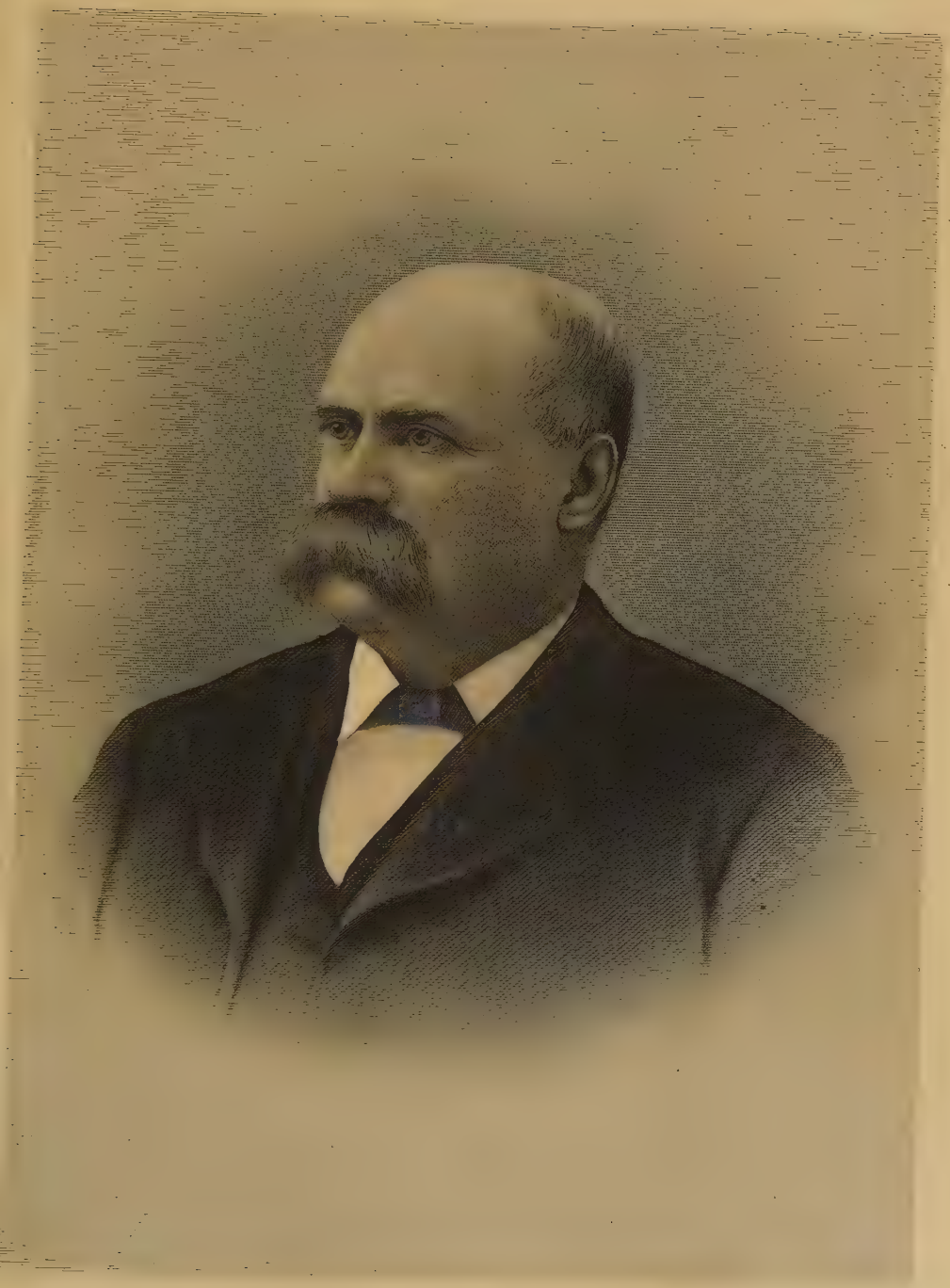
Col. Orvin G. Brown. At a time when the question of general military training is occupying the public mind in the United States, considerable interest centers in those educational institutions which, for years, have made this training a leading feature of a youth's education. A notable institution of this kind is the Miami Military institute, which was established at Germantown, Ohio, in 1894, by Col. Orvin G. Brown, who is president of the faculty of the institute and is at the head of the Ohio Military College corporation. Col. Orvin Graff Brown was born at Pittsburg, Pa., July 1, 1863. Following early school advantages, he continued his studies in Denver university, from which he was graduated with the degree of M. A. From 1882 to 1884, he taught science in the Ohio Wesleyan college. In 1886, he established Twin Valley college, at Germantown, a collegiate institution for both sexes, and, as mentioned above, in 1894 established the Miami Military institute. In 1916, the co-educational plan was dropped, only male students afterward being accepted in the college, in the same year the name being changed to the Ohio Military college, which was incorporated with a capital stock of $10,000. It has been the aim of Col. Brown to educate both mentally and professionally as to military science, to equip the young men leaving his institutions in such a way that talent and mental gifts may find paths of useful opportunity, and trained physiques along military lines, prepared for a future of peaceful occupations, or, if sad need be, of warlike activity. He married Miss Lulu, daughter of John H. Reed, of Germantown, and they have the following children: Reed McClelan, S. Kennedy, Mildred, wife of George H. Stophy, of Chicago, Ill., Mary Louise, Martha and Orvin G. There are three little grandchildren in the family: Reed M. and Celeste, children of Capt. Reed Brown; and Dorothy, daughter of Capt. S. Kennedy Brown. Colonel Brown is a member of the Business Men's club of Cincinnati and of the Dayton City club. He is a Scottish Rite Mason and also a Shriner.

Perry A. Brown. Among the agriculturists who have contributed to the general development and progress of Perry township, none has shared in greater or better degree than has Perry A. Brown, who, assisted by his faithful and worthy wife has at all times evidenced an interest in the welfare of his home community while advancing his own prosperity and that of his family. This stable and substantial citizen was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, August 21, 1862, the second in order of birth in a family of one son and three daughters, his parents being Joseph and Sarah (Wright) Brown. Two are living: Mr. Brown and his sister, Lizzie, wife of Abner Rhoads, a gardener and taxidermist of this community. The family originated in Pennsylvania, whence came the grandparents at an early day to near Miamisburg, Ohio, where Joseph Brown was born. He is self-educated and had few advantages in his youth, but has been reasonably successful in his agricultural operations, and at the present time is the owner of eighty acres of good land in Perry township, where he resides at the age of eighty-two years.

He is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Reformed church, in the faith of which Mrs. Brown, also a native of Ohio, and a faithful wife and loving mother, died in October, 1900. She was buried at the Pleasant Hill cemetery, where a monument stands to her memory. Perry A. Brown received only somewhat limited educational advantages in the public schools, for he started to work when he was but thirteen years of age, at which age he began binding wheat, and while he really earned a man's wages received but fifty cents per day. He remained on the home farm with his parents, and was first married to Miss Mary C. Holp, the birth of five children blesing their union. Only one of these children is now living, Grace L., who was educated in the public schools, spending three years in high school. She is now the wife of John Walker, proprietor of the dray line at Brookville, and has one son, Harry Eugene. Mr. Walker is a Democrat. Mrs. Brown died in 1894 and Mr. Brown was married in 1896 to Miss Elizabeth Good. Two children have been born to them: Joseph, educated in the graded schools and one year at high school, who assists his father in agricultural pursuits and is a young man of energy and enterprise; and Clara Alice, an attractive young lady who is a member of the graduating class of 1921 at the Brookville High school and a member of the Lutheran Sunday school. Mrs. Brown was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, October 4, 1871, a daughter of David and Caroline (Tanner) Good, of whose six sons and four daughters six are living, all agricultural people, four being residents of Montgomery county, and two, George and John Good, of Preble county. David Good was born in Indiana, where he was educated in the public schools, and followed agricultural pursuits throughout his life, dying in March, 1904. He was a Democrat in politics. Mrs. Good was born in Ohio, and was a lifelong member of the United Brethren church, in the faith of which she died in 1911, being laid to rest in the Pyrmont cemetery, where a shaft marks her burial place. Mrs. Brown was educated in the common schools, and has been of great help to her husband in the establishment of their happy, quiet home, in which she finds her greatest pleasure. This pleasant and attractive abode, known as The Pioneer home, is situated one mile from Brookville, and the property consists of twenty-eight and one-half acres, all clear of indebtedness. A cordial welcome is extended to acquaintance and stranger alike by these excellent and hospitable people, who have many friends throughout the community in which they have lived for so many years. Mr. Brown has shown himself a splendid agriculturist and has brought to his work an enthusiasm and knowledge of farming that could not help but be of the greatest assistance in bringing him prosperity. As a citizen he has discharged his duties fully and honorably, winning the confidence of his fellow-citizens through his public-spirit and progress civic pride, and acquiring and holding the esteem and respect of those who have come into contact with him, by his sterling integrity and uprightness of character. He is a man who upholds the education of the younger element. He was director of the schools for years and was a member of the board when the high school was first started in Perry township. At the present time he is one of the

trustees of Perry township and he takes especial interest in the perfection of the splendid highways of his township.

John R. Brownell. It would be difficult to speak too highly of a man who during his active life in any community directed his strength and capabilities toward the upbuilding of those enterprises which add prestige to the locality, and provide employment for many of its workers. To become the head of such an institution requires more than ordinary ability and a strength of purpose which is not easily deflected from a certain course. Perhaps no better example of a man of this kind can be found than the late John R. Brownell, an early resident of Dayton, who brought fame to his adopted city in its manufacturing circles, and demonstrated his ability to cope with the keen competition of modern trade and commerce, in such a fashion as to make him one of the leaders in his line in the state. Mr. Brownell was born in Fulton county, N. Y., July 7, 1839, the youngest of the eleven children of Frederick Brownell. His father was a tanner and currier, who, with six brothers, enlisted and served in the American army during the War of 1812. After the removal of his father from Green Springs, N. Y., to his farm near Fremont, John R. Brownell attended school during two winters, each with a three-month term, while he worked on the farm during the rest of the year. Following his father's death he worked for his board and schooling one year at Green Springs, but further education was denied him, although he possessed such a bright and retentive mind that he obtained a far better training than many boys who had greater opportunities. During 1852-53, Mr. Brownell worked eighteen months for William Zimmerman, of Green Springs, driving oxen and hauling wood to the old Mad River & Lake Erie railroad, for which he received $8 per month. In 1854 he walked to Sandusky city and obtained employment as clerk in a store, and subsequently went to Johnstown, N. Y., where he engaged to work for his board and schooling. He remained there four months, and then went to Buffalo, where he spent the winter with Captain Hollister. In 1855 he went to Chicago, but later returned to Green Springs, and eventually came to Dayton to work for his brother, E. H. Brownell. In 1861 Mr. Brownell commenced business with his brothers, E. H. and J. H., and in that same year joined the Dayton Light Guards, a military company such as were being raised all over the country during the early months of the Civil war. Later he disposed of his business interests and volunteered with his company, and August 20, 1861 re-enlisted as sergeant in Company K, Thirteenth Missouri Volunteer Infantry. He was promoted to commissary sergeant March 25, 1862, and August 6, 1862, became second lieutenant. His most important engagements were Fort Donelson, February 14, 15, 1862; Shiloh, April 6 and 7; siege of Corinth, April 30 to May 30; battle of Corinth, October 3 and 4; siege of Vicksburg, June and July, and capture of Little Rock, September 10, 1862. He was honorably discharged and mustered out of the service at the expiration of his term of service, at Columbus, Ohio, April 16, 1864. Returning to Dayton he engaged in the boiler business with his brother, under the name of Brownell & company, but in the same year withdrew and or-



J. R. Brownell

ganized the firm of Brownell, Roberts & Lee, consisting of J. R. Brownell, George J. Roberts and Josiah Lee, for the manufacture of general foundry work, with a plant at No. 437 E. First street. May 8, 1865, F. J. Brownell, a brother, was admitted, and November 1, 1867, the company was reorganized under the style of Brownell, Roberts & company, with the following members: George J. Roberts, F. J. Brownell, Josiah Lee, Samuel J. French, C. H. Kielmeyer and James H. Brownell. In 1870 J. R. Brownell bought the interest of J. H. Brownell, and the business was then incorporated for $200,000, under the head of Brownell & Kielmeyer Manufacturing company. This business remained unchanged until, in 1878, with thousands of other concerns throughout the country, it was caught in the great financial panic and forced to an assignment. The business had excellent credit, however, owing to the integrity of its members, and when normal conditions again prevailed the business was started again. It met with another misfortune in 1888, when the plant was destroyed by fire, and when the new building was erected, it was located on Findlay, north of First street. In 1891, Mr. Brownell bought out the interest of his partners in the concern of which he remained as president until his death, March 27, 1901. While preferring to remain a business man, Mr. Brownell recognized his duty as a citizen, and allowed his name to be used as a candidate for office, with the result that in 1880 he was elected state senator and served very acceptably and conscientiously as such. During his army life he won the commendation of his superior officers and the love and esteem of his companions in arms, and to the end of his life he was an interested member of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Loyal Legion of the United States and the Union Veteran League. A brave soldier, a successful business man, a loving father and a good citizen, in the truest sense of the word, he lived the life which he professed. Always courteous and genial, he made all who came within his magnetic influence feel that he was a man to be implicitly trusted and respected. Mr. Brownell was married in 1875 to Miss Harriet Alice Smith, daughter of Abraham Smith, of Maryland, and they became the parents of four children: Carrie J.; Alice J., deceased, who was the wife of M. K. Huffman; Mary L., the wife of A. H. Richards, and John R., jr., of Dayton.

William B. Bryant, M. D. For the past ten years the medical profession of Dayton has numbered among its most capable and promising younger practitioners Dr. William B. Bryant, who has made steady advancement in his chosen calling and in the acquirement of a large and representative practice. He is an Ohioan by nativity, having been born at Brookville, March 23, 1882, a son of Luther M. and Minerva (Baker) Bryant. His early education was acquired in the Brookville public schools, following which he attended the Steele High school, Dayton, and Otterbein university, and then entered the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, from which he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1906. Two years later he was given his degree as Doctor of Medicine, at the same institution, and then spent one year as an interne at the Miami Valley hospital, Dayton. In 1909 he embarked in general practice at

2004 West Third street, where his advancement has been steady and continued. He is a valued member of the Montgomery County Medical society, the Ohio State Medical society and the American Medical association, and is a Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner. His professional associates know him as a man of the highest ability and integrity, and a respecter of the ethics of his vocation, as well as a student and close observer. Doctor Bryant was married March 23, 1910, to Miss Emma Oswald, of Dayton, and they have two children: Ruth Marie and Dorcas Louise.

William Buck. A prominent and highly esteemed citizen of Germantown, is found in William Buck, mayor of the city, for a number of years well known in the educational field and now a leading member of the city bar, is a man of versatile talent and public usefulness. He was born at West Alexandria, Ohio, December 7, 1871, son of George Buck, a substantial citizen of that place. After attending the public schools of West Alexandria, the Capital university, Columbus, Ohio, Mr. Buck became an educator, subsequently serving three years as superintendent of the public schools of Monroe township, Preble county, and seven years as principal of the public schools of Eaton, Ohio. While a resident of Eaton he prepared for the law under the supervision of E. P. Vaughn, a well-known law practitioner of that city, and was admitted to the bar. In 1904 he entered government employ and was attached as a revenue official from 1904 to 1916. Mr. Buck then came to Germantown and entered upon the practice of law, and in the fall of 1917, was elected mayor of the city. August 25, 1898, he married Miss Mina A., daughter of Jacob Trone, of West Manchester, and they have two sons, Marcus and John, the former a student in the Ohio State University, the latter living with his parents. Mr. Buck is a member of numerous professional bodies and fraternally belongs to Bolivar Lodge, F. & A. M., Eaton, Ohio, and to the West Alexandria lodge of Knights of Pythias.

Charles Joseph Buntell. Progressive tactics, deep insight into trade conditions, and an appreciation of the needs of affiliated enterprises, are qualities which assist in developing an individual into a successful factor in the business life of any community and result in the establishment and growth of some of the prominent concerns of the country. One of the establishments of Dayton which has been developed through the possession by its directing head of just these characteristics is the Buntell-Roth company, stationers and dealers in office furniture and supplies. Charles Joseph Buntell, president of this concern, was born at Vincennes, Ind., July 4, 1870, and as a lad was taken to Martinsville, Ind., where he received his education in the public schools. His business career was commenced at Indianapolis, where he was employed as a bill clerk, and later as a traveling salesman by Charles Mayer & company. Later he went to New York city, where he secured further experience with the Tower Manufacturing company, a concern by which he was employed eighteen years. In 1915 he came to Dayton, where, December 4, he became one of the founders of The Buntell-Roth company, which was incorporated for $10,000, with himself as president and C. W. Roth as secretary and treasurer, the business

being the handling of stationery, office supplies and office furniture. December 30, 1915, the capital was increased to $30,000, and June 4, 1918, was doubled. Twenty people are given employment in the establishment at No. 113 E. Third street, and five traveling salesmen are maintained on the road, the territory covered being southwestern Ohio and eastern Indiana. Several articles handled by this concern are made exclusively for them and have found a splendid market in the territory mentioned. Concentrating his interest on his business, Mr. Buntell has found but little time or inclination for public life, but has always upheld the better element in civic affairs. He belongs to the Dayton club, the Miami Valley Golf club, the Mystic club, the Exchange club and the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, and is a Scottish-Rite Mason of the thirty-second degree, a Shriner and a member of the Elks. His religious connection is with the Unitarian church.

Elzey G. Burkam. In the field of journalism in the central west there is no better known figure than Elzey G. Burkam, proprietor of the Dayton Herald and Journal. A man of profound newspaper experience and conspicuous native talent, he gives his newspaper a high moral and editorial tone, and has brought it to high rank and standing among the publications of the country. Mr. Burkam's entire career has been identified with journalistic work. He was born at Lawrenceburg, Ind., December 7, 1872, and received his primary education in the public schools of that place, subsequently attending the Howe Grammar school, which later became Howe Military academy at Lima, Ohio and which is now located at Howe, Ind. He next pursued a course of study at the Hopkins Grammar school, New Haven, Conn., where he was graduated and then enrolled as a student at Yale university, in the class of '94. During his collegiate career he had centered his interest in journalism and after his graduation secured a position as reporter with the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette and then the Cincinnati Times-Star. When he left that paper he went to the Wheeling Intelligencer, where he became the editor and president of that newspaper, and later joined the Columbus Dispatch, as managing editor, a position which he retained for seven years. In 1911, Mr. Burkam came to Dayton and bought the Dayton Journal and two years later became the owner by purchase of the Dayton Herald. During the period of his ownership of these publications he has largely increased their subscription as well as their advertising, for the reading public has shown its appreciation of his policy in a practical way and the business and professional men of the city have recognized the value of the publications as advertising mediums. Mr. Burkam is a skilled newspaper man both from the executive and editorial standpoint, being possessed of marked business ability, having keen news sense and wielding a trenchant pen. Mr. Burkam is a trustee of Miami university. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Masons and Elks, and also holds membership in the Lotos Club of New York city and Y. M. C. A. With his family, he belongs to Christ Episcopal church. Mr. Burkam married Miss Blanche Thompson, of Cincinnati, and they are the parents of four children: Anna Constance, Lucy Lloyd, Elizabeth Rogers and Elzey G., Jr.

Christ Burkhardt. The attainment of all honorable reputation and material prosperity in life is based upon a definite aim and persistency of purpose in a given course. It is the man who does the work nearest at hand and whose industry leaves him no idle, wasteful moments, who attains to high places and deserves the respect of his fellow-citizens. That men do not find the niche for which they consider themselves fitted is largely due to their inability to fit themselves to those places which they could occupy with profit and honor. Tracing the lives of prominent men of Dayton it is easy to see that progressive characters have never lacked for opportunities, and that opportunities have not signified so much as the man, yet the problems of industrial life in a city the size of Dayton have not been solved altogether by the individual. Among the men whose names have been prominently identified with Dayton's industrial history for a number of years, is Christ Burkhardt, president of the Dayton Biscuit company. Mr. Burkhardt was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, July 31, 1869, a son of Gottfried and Theresa (Silver) Burkhardt. His father, a butcher by trade, who came to the United States a number of times died in his native land when subject was four years old. Mr. Burkhardt acquired his education in the public schools of Germany, and grew up in his native land, where he served a full and comprehensive apprenticeship to the trade of baker. He worked at that vocation in his native land for some years, but was making small headway and decided that a change of location might mean a betterment in his fortunes. As soon as he reached this decision, in 1889, he came to the United States as a poor emigrant lad of twenty years, without any knowledge of the language, customs or methods of the country in which he expected to make his home and build up his fortune. Settling at Dayton, he secured employment at his trade as a baker, and during the time he was so employed managed to save enough capital with which to establish himself in business as proprietor of a small grocery and bakery. This business he followed until 1902, in which year he formed a partnership with Jacob Decker and started a bakery at 436 Wayne avenue for the manufacture of Laurel brand of crackers and cakes. During the same year Mr. Decker sold his interests in the business, which was then incorporated as the Dayton Biscuit company, with a capital stock of $30,000, and the following officials: Christ Burkhardt, president; Gottfried Burkhardt, vice-president; Henry C. Brenner, secretary and treasurer. The plant was maintained at the same address until 1912, in which year it was found necessary to erect the present plant, at the corner of Idlewild and Webster avenues, where one hundred people are employed in the manufacture of the superfine products baked by this concern. Twelve traveling salesmen represent this house on the road, covering a territory extending to 100 miles radius of Dayton. The plant includes 50,000 square feet of floor space, and is fully equipped with the latest machinery known to the trade, in addition to being sanitary, clean and airy, presenting ideal conditions for work and for the proper producing of pure and reliable bakery goods. The capital stock at this time is $80,000. Mr. Burkhardt's life has been one of continuous activity in which has been accorded due

recognition of labor. Starting out in life with limited advantages, but with the laudable ambition to attain success, he has steadily advanced in the various walks of life. His career is a notable example of the well-established maxim that merit and ability will eventually win; that difficulties but serve as an impetus and incentive to further efforts, and that firm purpose surmounts all obstacles and eventually reaches its goal.

Frank Joseph Burkhardt. It would be difficult to find a more aggressive, diplomatic or better informed class of men than those identified with the large manufacturing and mercantile houses in the capacity of secretary; for the nature of their work demands that they be this, with its necessary acquaintance with places and conditions, and with persons of differing opinions and tastes. Successful handling of secretarial duties is an art in itself, involving a certain knowledge of psychology, and a man's status as a finished secretary carries the implication of ability beyond the ordinary, a cleverly trained mind, equipment of unusual character and something more than everyday tact. Frank Joseph Burkhardt is a successful secretary, and perhaps it is due to this fact as much as to any other that the Burkhardt Furniture company has met with such satisfying success, for he has performed the secretarial duties for this concern ever since its organization in 1893. Mr. Burkhardt was born at Dayton, where his entire career has been passed, April 1, 1860, and is a son of Francis Joseph and Gertrude (Burkhardt) Burkhardt. His father was born at Giesigheim, Baden, Germany, December 13, 1830, and as a young man learned the trade of cabinet maker, but his progress was slow and, feeling that he could better himself, when in his early twenties he came to the United States, his arrival at Dayton being in the year 1854. Here he secured employment in the sash and door factory of Beaver & Birch, with which he was identified during the remainder of his life, his death occurring May 5, 1883. He was a highly respected man of his community, a staunch Democrat, and a faithful member of the Emmanuel Catholic church, to which his wife also belonged. Before their marriage, February 2, 1858, she was Gertrude Burkhardt, who had come to the United States with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Joseph Burkhardt, as a young woman, and spent the rest of her life at Dayton, where she died in 1905. She bore no relation to her husband before their marriage, although bearing the same name and having been born in the same community in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Burkhardt became the parents of five children: Mary H., who is the wife of Charles W. Rotterman, of Dayton; Frank J.; Theresa, who died at the age of two years; Louise M., of Dayton, and Richard V., president of the Burkhardt Furniture company and one of the well-known business men of Dayton. After attending the parochial schools and St. Mary's college, Frank J. Burkhardt secured employment at the shops of the Barney & Smith Car company, where he worked for thirteen years in the woodworking department and through industry and fidelity advanced himself to a prominent position. When he left the car manufacturers, it was to accept a position with Stengel & company, but three years later he resigned his post and became one of the organizers of the Burkhardt Furniture

company. The plant of this concern was originally on First street, where fifteen people were employed, but the business was well managed and energetically advanced, and it was not long afterward that it was found necessary to provide larger quarters. In 1899, the present plant was erected at Monument and Webster streets, this being a four-story structure, 50 by 180 feet, excellently equipped in every way for the manufacture of high-class furniture, but principally library tables, the company's chief product. These are known throughout the territory covered by the company's three traveling salesmen for their finished workmanship and real quality, and eighty-five employees are now required to furnish the product for the constantly increasing demand for the Burkhardt goods. The company is incorporated for $50,000, and the present officers are: Richard V. Burkhardt, president; Henry Hambrecht, vice-president; Frank J. Burkhardt, secretary, and August Zwiesler, superintendent. Mr. Burkhardt is devoted to his business interests and is widely and favorably known in the furniture trade, in some lines of which he is acknowledged as an authority. In regard to politics, he maintains an independent stand, claiming the right of choosing his own candidates and using his own judgment in matters of public polity. With his family, he belongs to Emmanuel Catholic church and also holds membership in the Knights of St. George. Mr. Burkhardt was married June 9, 1886, to Miss Emma Justine Hochwalt, a daughter of George W. and Theresa (Lothamer) Hochwalt, of Dayton, and three children have been born to them: Clarence F., of Dayton; Margaret, who resides with her parents, and Alvin G., who was a sergeant in the Quartermaster's Department, with the American Expeditionary Forces during the late war.

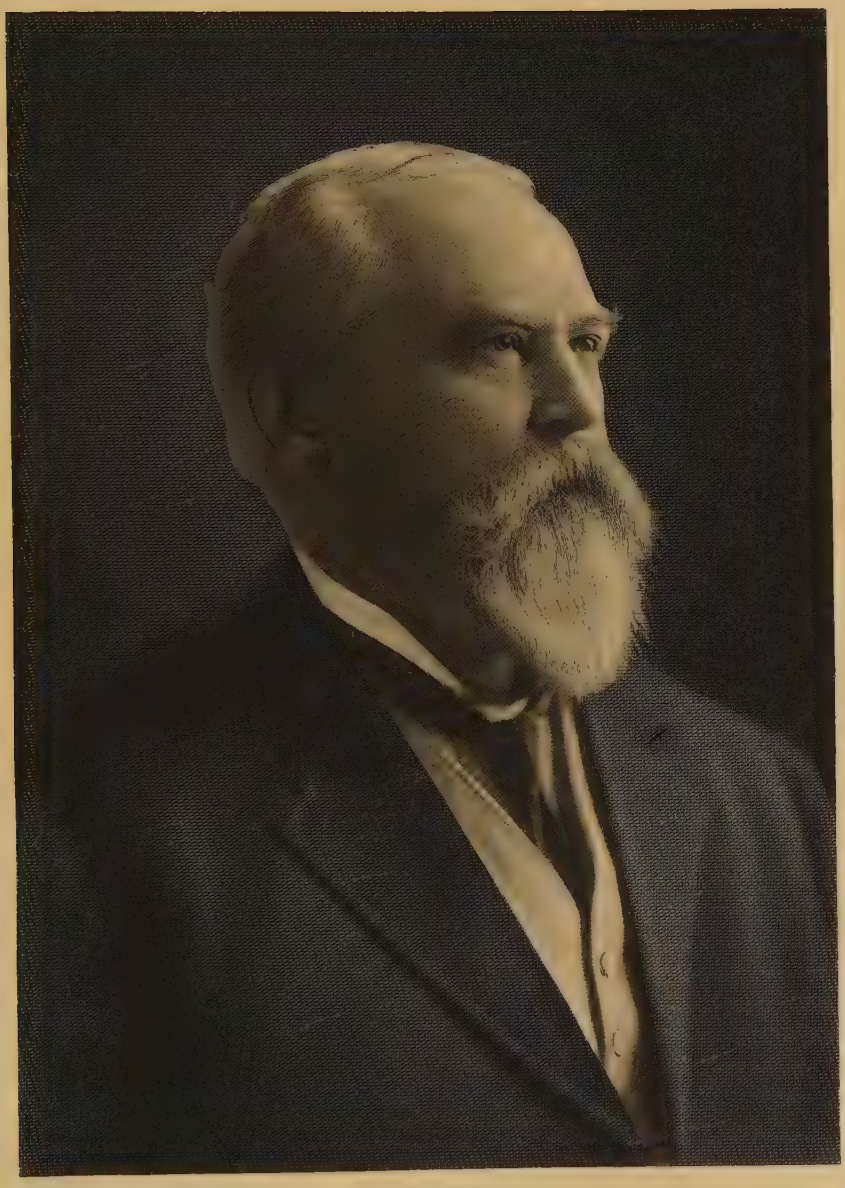
Gottfried Burkhardt. The quality of success is not measured entirely by the heights to which an individual attains, but by the distance traversed between the starting point of his career and the altitude which he has reached. The name of Gottfried Burkhardt is prominent in connection with the development of the packing interests of Dayton, and his success may be ascertained through noting the fact that he arrived in the United States in 1889 as a poor youth and that today he is president of the large and important firm of Henry Burkhardt Packing company. Mr. Burkhardt was born in Germany, March 13, 1872, a son of Gottfried and Theresa (Silver) Burkhardt. Educated in the public schools of his native land, Gottfried Burkhardt was but seventeen years of age when he emigrated to the United States, and here his first position was secured with the Henry Burkhardt Packing company. He started in a humble position and worked his way steadily upward and thorough training and practical experience in connection with the different phases of the business in his earlier manhood gave him a knowledge and capability that have enabled him to control interests that are now of far-reaching extent and importance. When the company was incorporated, Mr. Burkhardt was made vice-president, from which post he advanced to president. The Henry Burkhardt Packing company was established by Henry Burkhardt in 1878, and in 1894 was located at its present site and incorporated for $35,000, with Henry Burkhardt, president; Gottfried Burkhardt,

vice-president, and Louis J. Burkhardt, secretary and treasurer. Henry Burkhardt died September 15, 1918, and January 1, 1919, at an election of officers, Gottfried Burkhardt was elected president; A. W. N. Freund, vice-president, and L. J. Burkhardt, secretary and treasurer. The product of this company has a ready and appreciative market in the communities lying within a radius of 250 miles of Dayton, six traveling salesmen being kept on the road, and 125 people being employed in the plant at 235 South Irwin street. Gottfried Burkhardt's career has been one of unusual activity. As a boy, in his native land, he strove to excel, and, coming to the United States, found a field for his ability and activity. Careful, conservative and possessed of good judgment, he has risen from the ranks and won enviable position among the progressive men of his locality and day. He has other business connections, and is vice-president of the Dayton Biscuit company. He is a valued member of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce and his religious connection is with St. John's Lutheran church, while fraternally he is affiliated with Steuben Lodge, I. O. O. F., and Humboldt Lodge, K. of P. In 1897 Mr. Burkhardt married Annie, daughter of John Ditele, of Dayton, and they are the parents of four children: Theresa, William, Ruby and Louis, all living with their parents.

Henry Burkhardt. The roster of successful business men of Dayton includes a number bearing the name of Burkhardt, particularly in the packing industry, where a company controlled by members of the same family, The Henry Burkhardt Packing company, has been in honorable existence for more than forty years. Founded by a man of the strictest integrity, this concern has fashioned its policies along lines of high principle and business honor, and the same worthy methods that characterized the work of the founder, the late Henry Burkhardt, have been followed by those of the second generation in the business, among whom may be mentioned Louis J. Burkhardt, who occupies the post of secretary and treasurer. Mr. Burkhardt was born in Germany, and when sixteen years of age came to the United States, his first location having been at Cincinnati. Henry Burkhardt was born in Knittlingen Obt. Maulbrunn, Wurtemberg, Germany, June 20, 1857, and in early youth he learned the trade of butcher, which he thoroughly mastered. He came to the United States in 1873 and first settled at Cincinnati, where he followed his trade, and took up his residence at Dayton in 1876. In 1878, he became the founder of The Henry Burkhardt Packing company. His good judgment and foresight contributed materially to the upbuilding of what has become one of the important business houses of Dayton, of which he continued to be the head for forty years. Mr. Burkhardt became one of the most highly esteemed men of his community and was firmly established in the confidence of his associates. He never sacrificed a safe conservatism to ambition, and yet in all of his career he sought advancement that had its foundations upon well-established business principles. In 1894, the business was incorporated under its present name, for $35,000, with Henry Burkhardt, president; Gottfried Burkhardt, vice-president, and Louis J. Burkhardt, secretary and treasurer. Henry Burkhardt passed away September 15,

1918, and January 1, 1919, the following officers were elected: Gottfried Burkhardt, president; A. William Freund, vice-president, and L. J. Burkhardt, secretary and treasurer. Henry Burkhardt had various other business connections, being president of the Dairy Products company, and a director in the Union Stock Yards company and the Reliable Fire Insurance company, all of Dayton. He belonged to the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, and his religious affiliation was with St. John's Lutheran church. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Odd Fellows, and the Old Butcher's society. He was interested in all that pertained to modern advancement and improvements along material, intellectual and moral lines, and his charities extended to many worthy enterprises. In July, 1878, he married Miss Minnie Eckert, daughter of Joseph Eckert, of Dayton, and they became the parents of five children: Louis J.; William, deceased; Susan B., the wife of Charles Cummer, of Dayton; Minnie, the widow of Louis C. Schantz, of Dayton, and Henry, also of this city.

Richard V. Burkhardt. For many years Dayton has been recognized as one of the centers of the commercial Middle West, being eminently fitted for such pre-eminence by its position with regard to its waterway transportation and its position in connection with the railroad systems. This supremacy, which is acknowledged even in the old eastern cities, has been brought about and maintained by the aggressive business men who have chosen this city as the field of their operations, many of which are far-reaching in their results. Among the men belonging to this class is Richard V. Burkhardt, president of the Burkhardt Furniture company, whose career is one typical of the city's progressive spirit and advanced commercialism. Mr. Burkhardt is one of Dayton's native sons, and was born April 5, 1868, his parents being Frank Joseph and Gertrude (Burkhardt) Burkhardt, natives of Germany. His father was born December 13, 1830, at Giesigheim, Baden, and in his native country learned the trade of cabinet maker. Not making the advancement which he thought should attend his industrious labors, as a young man he emigrated to the United States, and in 1854 took up his residence at Dayton, where he secured employment in the sash and door factory of Beaver & Birch. He continued to be identified with that line of work during the remainder of his life, and his death occurred at Dayton, May 5, 1883. Mr. Burkhardt was married February 2, 1858, to Gertrude Burkhardt, who, although of the same name and born in the same community, was no relation. She came to the United States and to Dayton with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Joseph Burkhardt, and passed away in this city in December, 1905. Mr. Burkhardt was a Democrat in politics, and he and his wife were faithful members of the Emmanuel Catholic church. They had five children, namely: Mary Helen, who is the wife of Charles F. Rottermann, of Dayton; Frank J., who is secretary of the Burkhardt Furniture company; Theresa, who died at the age of two years; Louise M., of Dayton, and Richard V., of this review. Richard V. Burkhardt received his education in the parochial schools of the Emmanuel church, and for a short time after completing his studies was employed by M. J. Walters.



R. C. Burkhardt

Subsequently he entered the employ of the John Stengel company, and served that concern in various capacities until 1893, when he became one of the founders of the Burkhardt Furniture company, which was incorporated for $50,000. The plant was originally on First street, where fifteen people were employed, but the business, under efficient and aggressive management, grew and prospered and demanded larger quarters, which were eventually secured in 1899, when the present building was erected at Monument and Webster streets, a four-story structure, 50 by 180 feet. The company's product is high-class furniture, which is favorably known to the trade throughout the Middle West, but a specialty is made of library tables, a line in which the Burkhardt article has few competitors. Eighty-five people are now employed in the modern and well-equipped plant, and three traveling salesmen are constantly on the road. The officers of the concern are: Richard V. Burkhardt, president; Henry Hambrecht, vice-president. Mr. Burkhardt has numerous confidants among men of business standing at Dayton who know and appreciate his earnest purpose and advanced principles. A man of sound and substantial worth himself, whose sagacity is keen and judgment well directed, he has never sacrificed a safe conservatism to ambition, in all his career wisely seeking advancement on well established business principles. Few men are more familiar with the furniture trade, and he is accounted one of the level-headed, successful business men and typical citizens of Dayton. He is an energetic member of the Greater Dayton association, and belongs also to the Dayton Rotary club and the Marquette club. He was married to Miss Mathilde Schwind, daughter of Celestine Schwind of Dayton. Mr. and Mrs. Burkhardt belong to St. Agnes Catholic church.

Mr. R. P. Burkhardt, Sr., was born October 28, 1845, in the Grande Duchy of Baden, Germany, in the Village of Giesigheim, and at the age of four years was brought to this country by his parents, and took up their abode in Dayton, where Mr. Burkhardt received his early education at the parochial school and at St. Mary's college. At the age of fourteen he started to learn his trade as cabinet maker with Philip Haverstick. After having completed same, he entered the employ of Mr. Michael Ohmer as a furniture salesman, then went on the road for Mr. Ohmer for a short time, when his mother became ill, forcing him to relinquish this position in order to assist in her care, after which he entered the employ of Mr. Henry Perrine, Dayton's leading dry goods merchant. One year thereafter, in 1869, at the solicitation of Mr. Gustave Stomps, he purchased the interest of Martin Brabec, of the then well known firm of G. Stomps Brother & company, which was organized in 1859, and a few months thereafter, Mr. Gustave Stomps bought out his brother's interest, changing the firm name to G. Stomps & company, which it retained until incorporated in 1889, and thereafter known as The Stomps-Burkhardt company, of which Mr. Burkhardt became vice-president and general manager until the death of Mr. Gustave Stomps in 1890, when he became the president. In 1900, he purchased the balance of the interests, and practically became sole owner, which he retained until his death, oc-

curring October 25, 1912. Mr. Burkhardt was married November 21, 1871, to Miss Mary Adelaide Stomps, daughter of Mr. Gustave Stomps, of Dayton, and she died May 12, 1893, having been the mother of six children: Richard P., and William M., of Dayton; Mary, the wife of Wm. J. Henley, of Cleveland, Ohio; Catherine, the wife of Louis R. Wagner, of Sidney, Ohio; Eleanor, the wife of Joseph A. Keyes, of Dayton, Ohio, and Olive, who died in infancy. Mr. Burkhardt was a Catholic, and a life-long member of Emmanuel Parish, also a charter member of the Gesellen Verein and Knights of Columbus.

Hon. Edward E. Burkhart. On the roster of the Dayton legal profession, a name that will be found prominently placed is that of Hon. Edward E. Burkhart. Long accounted one of the most forceful practitioners at the bar, he has rendered excellent civic service, and during his administration as mayor was instrumental in effecting a number of greatly needed reforms. His career has been one characterized by great industry, and, in its earlier part, by the necessity of overcoming numerous obstacles. Mr. Burkhart was born October 27, 1872, at Sidney, Ohio, and received his education in the public schools. After his graduation from the high school there, in 1890, he came to Dayton and entered the Miami Commercial college, where he completed a full course. Having decided upon a career in the law, he began studying for that profession as a student in the law offices of Gottschall & Brown, well-known Dayton attorneys, but after eight months his work in this direction was temporarily interrupted by an attractive offer by the Standard Wheel company, of Chicago, which concern also had plants at Kalamazoo, Mich., and Indianapolis, Ind. This offer he accepted and continued as cashier and assistant manager of the concern until 1895. The law undoubtedly was his profession and he could not be satisfied in doing other work. Returning to Dayton, he resumed the study of his vocation, this time under the preceptorship of R. D. Marshall, general counsel of the C., H. & D. railway, and to further qualify for practice, in 1896, he matriculated in the University of Michigan, graduating two years later as a member of the class of 1898. During the year that followed Mr. Burkhart was connected with the law firm of Marshall & Marshall, at Dayton, leaving to become a member of the firm of Van Deman, Burkhart & Cline. This relation was maintained for three years, when Mr. Cline, who had been appointed city solicitor, was succeeded by John C. Shea. After three years Mr. Shea was succeeded by Wellington C. Smith and the firm style of Van Deman, Burkhart & Smith was assumed, which afterward was merged into the firm of Burkhart, Heald & Pickrel. As a public-spirited citizen and an intelligent observer of his city's needs, Mr. Burkhart had for years taken an interest in the affairs of Dayton, and in 1903 was chosen by Mayor C. A. Snyder as a member of the board of health, upon which he served efficiently until that board was abolished. In 1907 he was honored by the candidacy for the mayoralty of Dayton, and in November of that year was elected by a handsome majority, on the Democratic ticket. Two years later he was re-elected by the largest majority ever given a candidate for that office. He

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gave the people of Dayton an excellent administration, in which both civic interests and the interests of individuals benefited. When he retired from office he did not cease his labors, and his services today continue to be at the call of his city. In the ranks of his profession, Mr. Burkhart is accounted a man who upholds the best ethics and traditions of his calling. His energetic nature finds an outlet in much outside work, and he is a member of the Young Men's Christian Association and the Lutheran church and affiliates with the Masonic fraternity where he has attained the thirty-second degree, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; is a Knight Templar and a Shriner. He also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Burkhardt is also well known in club life, belonging to the Dayton City club, Dayton Country club, the Dayton Bicycle club, the Comus club, the Mystic club and other social organizations.

Claude E. Burnett, well known in the manufacturing field at Dayton, began his business career at the age of thirteen years, steadily advancing until he now stands at the head and directs the policies of one of the large and important business concerns of this city. Winning his way through personal effort, merit alone has been his ticket to success. Mr. Burnett is president and treasurer of the Burnett-Larsh company, a leader in its line of manufacturing in the country. Claude E. Burnett was born at Liberty, in Montgomery county, Ohio, April 2, 1882, son of John R. Burnett, also a native of Montgomery county. Family removal was made to Dayton in his boyhood and here he enjoyed public school advantages until thirteen years of age, then entered the employ of the National Cash Register company as an errand boy, and continued in that and other capacities for five years. In the interval between retiring from the above company and identifying himself with the Stilwell-Bierce company, Mr. Burnett took a commercial course in Jacob's Business college, Dayton. He continued with this company, of which he became assistant superintendent, for six years, then went with the Vaile-Kimes people as secretary and sales manager, remaining for five years, when he sold his interests because of determination to embark in business for himself. The Burnett-Larsh Manufacturing company was formerly the Precision Tool company. The latter was purchased November 1, 1915, by Claude E. Burnett and E. P. Larsh, and was incorporated as The Burnett-Larsh Manufacturing company, with a capital of $25,000, with Mr. Burnett as president and treasurer, and Mr. Larsh as vice-president. In 1916, M. C. Royer became secretary, being succeeded in the office in 1918, by R. S. Shuey. The plant is located at the northwest corner of Monument avenue and Webster street, where are manufactured electric driven water systems for city and country residences. The trade name is "Duro" and these pumps are known all over the world. Employment is given 125 people at the plant and the sales force includes at least fifty more. June 15, 1905, Mr. Burnett married Miss Carrie, daughter of John M. Oswald, of this city, and they have had three children: James Richard, Claude E., and Caroline, the second born being deceased. Mr. Burnett and his family belong to the First English Lutheran church.

He is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce, is deeply interested in the Y. M. C. A., and belongs to the Masonic fraternity.

Harry W. Burnett, M. D. The discovery, in 1895, of the wonderful X-rays, by Dr. William C. Roentgen, opened to the medical and surgical profession a field of unlimited possibilities for eminent and distinguished achievement, and ever since that time scientific men of every civilized country in the world have devoted themselves to the further development of this marvelous art in applying it to the treatment and cure of human ills. Of the specialists in X-ray work at Dayton, one who has already won distinction, both in his private practice and in the United States army, is Dr. Harry W. Burnett. While his experience has been broad and extensive and his achievements numerous, he is still a young man, having been born January 3, 1892, at West Manchester, Ohio, a son of Arthur A. and Hattie E. (Baker) Burnett. His father, who was born at West Liberty, Ohio, followed the blacksmith trade at various points in this state for a number of years, but is now retired from active pursuits and makes his home at Dayton. Harry W. Burnett was educated in the public schools of Arcanum, Ohio, the Steele High school, Dayton, and the Ohio State university, from the medical department of which institution he was graduated in 1915 with the degree of M. D. Following this, for one year, he was an interne at the Miami Valley hospital, Dayton, and while there, gave all his leisure time to continued investigations concerning the X-ray, or Roentgen-ray, the possibilities of which had attracted his interest and study during his college days. When his interneship was completed, he associated himself with Dr. L. G. Bowers, with whom he remained until August 15, 1917, when he enlisted in the United States Army Medical Reserve corps. For six months he was at the X-ray Training school, at Pittsburg, and then sailed for France, arriving in that country ready for service March 26, 1918. Attached to Evacuation Hospital, No. 5, he rendered conspicuous and continued service on all fronts, and did his full share in achieving the great victories at Chateau Thierry and other points made famous by the American troops. Doctor Burnett continued his work after the signing of the armistice, but was honorably discharged and mustered out of the service February 27, 1919, with the rank of first lieutenant. Upon his return he again established himself in practice at Dayton as an X-ray specialist, with offices at 1120 Fidelity Medical building. He has complete equipment of the latest kind for this difficult work and his achievements are beginning to make his name known in the profession and to the public. Doctor Burnett is a member of the Montgomery County Medical society and of the State Medical society, and also holds membership in the Phi Rho Sigma, a college medical fraternity. Aside from his profession he has had little time for activities of any other nature since his return from the war, but, as a man of public spirit and civic pride, gives his support to all beneficial movements in the community. Doctor Burnett was married April 19, 1917, to Miss Elizabeth Vail, daughter of A. C. Vail and Abigail (Corwin) Vail, of Franklin, Ohio, and they have one son, Harry W., Jr.

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David R. Bussdicker, M. D. In the ranks of the medical fraternity at Dayton, one who has attained deserved prestige as a careful, conscientious practitioner is David R. Bussdicker, M. D., whose professional labors here have covered a period of ten years. During this time he has attracted to himself a large practice. Doctor Bussdicker was born at Cleveland, Ohio, December 29, 1871, a son of Rev. Henry M. Bussdicker. His father, for many years, was a prominent divine of Cleveland, and the youth grew up in a home of refinement and culture, under excellent influences for the training of his mind along intellectual lines. As a lad he was brought by his parents to Dayton, his father having been called to a charge here, and in the public schools he was given his early educational training. Having decided upon a professional career, he began the study of medicine in the Miami Medical college, now medical department of the University of Cincinnati, where he was duly graduated after a brilliant college career, in the class of 1908, receiving at that time the degree of M. D. For one year after his graduation he served as interne in the Speers hospital, Dayton, Ky., but in 1909 returned to Dayton, Ohio, and engaged in his professional labors, in which he has continued to the present time with constantly increasing success. His well-appointed offices are located in the Fidelity Medical building, where he has a handsome suite, equipped with all appliances, and possessing all comforts and conveniences for his patients. Doctor Bussdicker did not cease his studies when he left collegiate halls, but has always been a careful student, keeping abreast of the times and in close touch with new discoveries being made in medicine and surgery. In this connection he is a member of the Montgomery County Medical society, the Ohio State Medical society and the American Medical association. Doctor Bussdicker has advanced far in Masonry, belonging to the thirty-second Scottish Rite degree, and is also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He likewise belongs to the lodge of the Knights of Pythias and to the Junior Order United American Mechanics. While his profession has absorbed practically all of his attention, making it impossible for him to engage actively in political affairs, he has taken a keen and helpful interest in civic matters, and has withheld his support from no movement which has been presented to his good judgment in a favorable light as to its beneficial influence on the institutions of Dayton. Doctor Bussdicker was married June 6, 1895, to Miss Mary C. Grill, of Dayton, daughter of John Grill, of this city, and they are the parents of one daughter, Vida Mae, who resides with her parents.

Mary E. Cadwallader, M. D. From the time that the broad field of medical service was first opened to women, numerous representatives of this sex have attained eminence and proved that in all essentials and requirements they measure up to the masculine mind and skill. Further than this, it has been claimed that to her sympathetic understanding of the science the woman practitioner adds a tenderness and an intuitive perception that only a small minority of men possess. The city of Dayton has long been distinguished for high rank in the medical profession, and the calling here has been represented by several women of eminent ability and

wide reputation. Among the more prominent women physicians of the city is Dr. Mary E. Cadwallader, whose zealous labors and fine talents are accomplishing splendid results in her capacity as assistant physician at the Ohio State Hospital for the Insane. Doctor Cadwallader was born at Lynchburg, Ohio, a daughter of Alfred Cadwallader, for many years an instructor in the public schools. She attended the public schools of New Vienna, Ohio, and was graduated from the National Normal university at Lebanon, class of 1893, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. During an experience of three years as a teacher in the public school at Harriman, Tenn., and one year as principal at New Antioch, Ohio, she found that the field of education was not broad enough to satisfy her, and accordingly determined to acquire a complete medical training. She began the study of her profession at the National Normal university, subsequently entering Laura Memorial Medical college (later Miami college) and was graduated with her degree in 1900. For eighteen months thereafter she practiced at Lebanon, and then became a member of the faculty of the National Normal university. In October, 1915, she was called to the position of assistant physician at the Ohio State Hospital for the Insane, at Dayton. Aside from her professional labors, she has devoted a large share of her career in a constant effort for the equal advancement of both men and women in all educational and progressive activities. To this work she has given freely of all that she has gained through a constant study of fundamental principles and their application to the every-day life of the people. Doctor Cadwallader belongs to the Montgomery County Medical society, the Ohio State Medical society and the Medical Women's National association. She holds membership also in the Order of the Eastern Star, is an energetic and constructive worker in the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and is one of the most prominent figures in Dayton's club life, belonging to the Harriet Stevens Literary club, the Burroughs Nature club, the College Women's club and the Altrus club, all of this city.

Harry B. Canby. In the capacity of president of the Crawford, McGregor & Canby company, Harry B. Cranby is at the head of one of Dayton's oldest and most highly honored manufacturing concerns. Founded ninety years ago, this enterprise has steadily maintained a reputation for the highest grade of products in its line, that of shoe lasts, golf clubs and whip stocks, and its label on any article establishes at once the fact that the purchaser will receive full worth and service. Mr. Canby has passed his entire business career in connection with this business, which he entered sixteen years ago, coming direct from college halls. Under his capable guidance it has developed new prestige, has formed new friendships and has enlarged the scope of its activities. Mr. Canby was born at Dayton, December 21, 1877, a son of Edward Canby. He was given excellent educational opportunities, first attending the public schools, subsequently the Warren private school, and later the Denison university, from which he was graduated with the class of 1898, receiving the degree of B. A. Next he spent one year at the Harvard Law school, and then entered the Boston Institute

of Technology, where he secured the degree of Mechanical Engineer at his graduation in 1902. Returning to Dayton, he at once entered the business of which he is now the head. Prior to taking up official duties, he passed through a probationary period, having one year of training in the factory office of the Crawford, McGregor & Canby company (the Dayton Last company), and then passed through various positions until reaching that of second vice-president. Later he advanced to first vice-president, and January 1, 1918, was elected president, in addition to which he discharges the duties of secretary. William J. Blakeney is vice-president and treasurer of the company, and E. Canby and W. H. Kemper are directors. The Crawford, McGregor & Canby company was founded in 1829, by Archibald and Ziba Crawford, and ten years later C. H. Crawford was admitted to the firm. The first factory, a modest establishment, was located near the present site of the National Cash Register company's plant, and was conducted under the name of Crawford & company, which style had been adopted in 1836. Later, with the admission of Edward Canby, it became the Crawford & Canby company, and when John McGregor was admitted, the present style of nomenclature was assumed. From 250 to 300 people are employed in the manufacture of golf clubs and shoe lasts, in addition to which a specialty is made of whip stocks for the United States Government. President Canby has various business, social and fraternal connections at Dayton, where he is a member of the Country, Engineers and Rotary clubs, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Young Men's Christian Association and the Sigma Chi college fraternity. He was married November 21, 1905, to Miss Anna P. Forgy, daughter of E. Stowe Forgy, of Dayton, and to their union two children have been born: Annette D. and Edward II.

Harry E. Carley. The history of the Dayton Dental Supply company is unique in several ways. The fact that it was founded by an eighteen-year-old youth removes it somewhat from the ordinary class; its rapid growth and phenomenal development gives it added distinction; and its present size and scope places it in a class not generally reached by manufacturing concerns with a period of a score of years. Behind this manufacturing establishment, as its directing head, has been Harry E. Carley, who stepped directly from the school-room into the management of a business now capitalized at $50,000, and giving employment to a large force of skilled mechanics. Mr. Carley is a product of Dayton and represents the best type of its younger business men. He was born August 3, 1881, a son of Charles B. and Alice (Lyon) Carley, and received his education in the public schools. While still a student he spent his spare time in laying plans for the formation of a business of his own, and when he was but eighteen years of age, in 1899, founded and established the Dayton Dental Supply company. From the outset the ideas and enthusiasm of the young founder had their effect, and as time passed the firm enjoyed more and more the patronage and confidence of the dental profession, and the business grew to large proportions. In 1905 the business was incorporated for $50,000, with the following officials: Harry E. Carley, president; F. H.

Hamilton, vice-president, and C. A. Ross, secretary and treasurer. Fifty people are now employed in the plant, and five traveling salesmen cover a territory which includes West Virginia, Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio, while in the manufacturing department the business is national in its scope. Mr. Carley is an active member of the Dayton Rotary club. He likewise holds membership in the City and Country clubs, is an Elk, and a thirty-second degree Mason, a Knight Templar and a Shriner. He was married March 2, 1904 to Dora Hash, of Dayton.

Charles U. Carpenter. The summary of the achievements of some individuals in a brief span of years is beyond the comprehension of the ordinary plodder. Without knowledge of all the conditions it seems next to impossible that one man could find the time to superintend the details of as many concerns, and yet there are a large number of energetic business men who are of inestimable value to their communities because of the interest they excite in financial and industrial circles, which is a healthy stimulus to trade. One of the men who has been connected with a number of the leading concerns of Dayton and who still wields a wide and stimulating interest is Charles U. Carpenter, vice-president and manager of the works of the Recording and Computing Machine company. Mr. Carpenter was born at Cambridge City, Ind., January 8, 1872, a son of James W. Carpenter. As a child he was brought to Dayton, where he attended the public schools, and his education was completed by a course at Princeton university, from which famous institution of learning he was graduated with the class of 1893, receiving the degree of B. A., also that of M. E. For several years he was a resident of New York City and for six years operated on the New York Board of Trade as one of its sixteen directors. Returning to Dayton, he became identified with the National Cash Register company, where for several years he was a member of the board of directors and manager of the factory, his next connection being with the Herring-Hall-Marvin Safe company, of which he was president for five years. Subsequently Mr. Carpenter became the founder and organizer of the Fire Proof Furniture & Construction company, of Miamisburg, Ohio, but eventually disposed of his interests therein and returned to Dayton to commence his connection with the firm of which he is now vice-president and manager of the works. The Recording and Computing Machine company, which is one of Dayton's important industries and gives employment to 9,000 people, was organized March 10, 1904, by Will I. Ohmer, president; C. H. Atkins, vice-president, and J. M. Crawford, secretary and treasurer. The business was started in a modest way, with about 100 people employed in the manufacture of recording devices, principally street car fare boxes. Under a policy of progressiveness and high business principles, with a product that met with instant and continued demand, the business of the concern continued to grow and flourish, and today this enterprise is conceded to be one of the leading manufacturing companies of Dominant Dayton. It has, in its plant, installed a number of innovations for the comfort and welfare of its employees, and was one of the first to inaugurate a system of manual training for its women

workers, a plan that has the approval of the United States Government. The present officials of the company are: Will I. Ohmer, president; Charles U. Carpenter, vice-president; Frank E. Pierson, secretary and assistant to the president, and C. A. DuCasse, treasurer. During the war period the company was engaged 100 per cent on government contracts. As a business man, Mr. Carpenter is very thorough in his undertakings, is frank and open, and just to his employees. A man of the strictest integrity, he is broad-minded in his views as well as liberal, but when convinced of the right of a question is steadfast in holding his opinion. He lectured on business organization in the Columbia university for a period of five years and also in the New York university on the same subject on a like period. He is the author of Profit Making in Shop and Factory Management, five editions of which have been put out. As in business affairs, Mr. Carpenter is widely and favorably known in engineering circles, and belongs to the Engineers club of Cincinnati and to the American Society of Engineers. He also holds membership in the Dayton City and Dayton Country clubs, and his connections with civic bodies which have for their object the general betterment of conditions are numerous. Mr. Carpenter was united in marriage December 18, 1916, with Miss Ruth Viola Fox, the daughter of John Fox, of New York city.

S. H. Carr. The reputation of the great corporation lawyers of modern times is not to be acquired in a day, for theirs is a branch of the law requiring an intricate knowledge of more subjects than it is necessary to cover in other departments of the profession. Careful training and long and varied experience are desirable concomitants in the successful corporation lawyer's equipment and he must be a logical and forceful talker, convincing in argument and absolutely perfect in detail. The above attributes and others are found in the make-up of S. H. Carr, whose long connection with leading Dayton companies in advisory and other capacities has given him a place among the foremost of Dayton's corporation attorneys. He has been engaged in practice in this city for a period of forty years, and during this time had advanced with steadiness and consistency to a commanding position. Mr. Carr is a native of Central Ohio, and comes of sound and sturdy stock, tracing the family name on the paternal side back to Welsh and Scotch-Irish ancestors, while his forefathers on his mother's side were among the early settlers of the Colony of Virginia. At various times in his childhood and youth his parents resided in Ohio and Michigan, and in the public schools of these two states he gained his education in the primary departments. Subsequently he was able to pursue a scientific course in the National university and was graduated therefrom with the class of 1874. Mr. Carr had intended upon a career in the law, but at this time he was in modest financial circumstances, and it was necessary that he earn his living. Accordingly, he accepted a position as principal of the Germantown (Ohio) High school, a position which he held for two years, and in 1876 came to Dayton ready to enter upon his studies for the law. Here he entered the law office of Bolton & Shauch and plunged avidly into the work of preparing himself for his calling, but again his finances bothered him and for one year

while studying, he was obliged to act as principal of the Vandalia (Ohio) schools as a means of livelihood. Eventually, however, he completed his preparatory work, successfully passed the examination and was admitted to the bar in 1878, soon thereafter beginning practice. He was forced to experience the probationary period, through which almost all young lawyers must pass, but once he had a chance to prove his talents his fortune commenced to brighten and he steadily rose to become one of the leading lawyers of Dayton, a position which he has retained and strengthened with the passing of the years. He is now senior member of the firm of Carr, Allaman & Kennedy, a combination which has come off victor in many important and hard-fought legal battles in which large property interests were involved. Mr. Carr has identified himself with many large business concerns during his long term of practice, and at this time is a director in the Third National bank, the Davis Sewing Machine company, the Stilwell-Bierce company, the Smith-Vaile company, the National Improvement company, the Cast Steel Plow company, the Dayton Church and Opera Chair company, the National Plant company and the Boda House company. His offices are located in the U. B. building.

William M. Carroll. Prosperity and success come not to the individuals who idly wait but to the faithful toilers whose work is characterized by intelligence and force and who have the foresight and sagacity to know when, where and how to exert their energies. Thus it happens that only a small minority of those who enter the world's broad field of battle come off victors in the struggle for wealth and position. Some lack perseverance, others business sagacity and still others are dilatory and negligent, but the record of William M. Carroll of Dayton proves that he possesses the requisite qualities necessary to cope with the complex conditions of the business world. He has been identified with one of Dayton's most important business enterprises, as president of the Carroll Engineering company, and has so directed his labors that he is now accounted one of the prosperous citizens of the community, although he has practically but entered business affairs. Mr. Carroll was born at New Haven, Conn., May 11, 1888, a son of Thomas and Anna (Mauson) Carroll. His father, born at Gouverneur, St. Lawrence county, N. Y., resided at New Haven for some years, but in 1894 came to Dayton, where, as a mechanical genius, he is now employed in the capacity of inventor at the National Cash Register company. The mother was born in St. Lawrence county, N. Y., and also survives, being a resident of Dayton. William M. Carroll was six years of age when brought by his parents to Dayton and here his early education was secured in the public and parochial schools. Subsequently, he pursued a course at St. Mary's college, Dayton, and Notre Dame university, South Bend, Ind., and in 1908 was graduated from the latter with the degree of Mechanical Engineer, being then but just past his twentieth birthday. Returning to Dayton, he entered the service of the Dayton Motor Car company, as an employee of the engineering department, remaining until February, 1911, when he entered a like department at the National Cash Register company. Resigning that position Janu-

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ary 1, 1915, he began to assist in the formation of the Carroll Engineering company. This concern was established April 23 of that year, with the following officials: Thomas Carroll, president; H. P. Williamson, vice-president, and William M. Carroll, secretary and treasurer. The business was incorporated for $10,000, and twenty people were employed at the old plant at No. 418 E. Fourth street, in the manufacture of jigs, fixtures, tools, dies and special machinery. The business was a pronounced success from the start, and in April, 1916, a reorganization of the company was effected, with a capital stock of $100,000, and the following officials: William M. Carroll, president; Thomas Carroll, vice-president, and H. P. Williamson, secretary and treasurer. At the new 35 x 150 foot, three-story plant, 342 Xenia avenue, 110 persons are now employed, and the company maintains a traveling salesman on the road. Ordinarily, the entire United States comprises the company's territory, but during the war the concern handled many government contracts, and toward its close was 100 per cent engaged in governmental work. Mr. Carroll is variously interested in business enterprises, and is an active member of the Greater Dayton association. He belongs to Corpus Christi Catholic church, is a grand knight in the Knights of Columbus, and faithful scribe for the Second Ohio District, fourth degree, in that order; and belongs likewise to the Engineers club of Dayton. He was married November 23, 1910, to Miss Mary Agnew, daughter of Patrick J. Agnew, of Dayton, and to this union there have been born four children: Mariana, Edith Marguerite, William M., Jr., and Patricia, all at home.

Henry P. Carruth. In the paper industry of Dayton, one who occupies an important and prominent position is Henry P. Carruth, connected with the Mead Pulp & Paper company. He is a thoroughly trained chemist, having had the benefits of both techncial training and practical experience, and throughout the period of his career has been identified with the business of paper manufacture. Mr. Carruth was born at Boston, Mass., March 25, 1884, and there received his early education in the public schools. Subsequently he attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and when he had completed his course at that institution entered the employ of the American Writing Paper company, in the capacity of resident chemist. Later he was made chief chemist of that concern, and in April, 1918, accepted an attractive offer made by the Mead Pulp & Paper company, and entered upon the discharge of the duties of his position at Dayton, where he is now assistant to G. H. Mead. The concern has offices on the ninth floor of the City National Bank building. Mr. Carruth is a member of the American Chemical society and has a high reputation in his profession, being president of the Technical association of the Pulp & Paper Industry. He is also a member of the Chemists' club of New York.

Harvey H. Carter, M. D. The medical profession has advanced with tremendous strides during the past several decades, and is still progressing so rapidly that the physician who wishes to keep abreast of his calling must be a constant student. Dr. Harvey H. Carter, one of Dayton's prominent physicians and surgeons, has

always been a close and careful student of his calling. Doctor Carter, who is respected both in his profession and as a citizen, was born at Sabina, Clinton county, Ohio, December 7, 1865, and received his early education in the public schools of his native place. Later he attended the University of Cincinnati, from which he was graduated with the class of 1889, receiving the degree of M. D. He began his professional activities at Hamilton, and was there in the enjoyment of a large practice when the outbreak of the Spanish-American war gave him an opportunity to secure splendid experience. Enlisting in the Sanitary Service, for three years he was stationed at Havana, Cuba, where he took part in the great work of sanitation under Major Gorgas. On his return he took a course at the New York Post-Graduate hospital, where he spent one year, and then again took up practice, this time at West Alexandria. In 1914 he came to Dayton, where he has acquired a large clientele and an enviable standing. He is a man of kind and sympathetic nature and a skilled and steady handed surgeon, and his success in a number of complicated cases has served to gain for him the confidence of the public. Doctor Carter is a member of the Montgomery county, Ohio state and American Medical bodies, and his fraternal affiliation is with Hope Lodge, Knights of Pythias. With his family, he belongs to the Fourth Reformed church. July 12, 1888, he was united in matrimony with Miss Lillian Harrison, of New Vienna, Ohio, and they have one daughter, Mildred, who is the wife of Carl M. Brower, of Dayton.

John Lawrence Carter, M. D. The physician is a man who, necessarily, comes very close to the heart of a family, holding, as he does at times, the issues of life or death largely in his hands, and to him those in physical trouble instinctively turn. The members of this profession are broadened and ripened in experience through their contact with humanity as found in its natural character and disposition. Dr. John Lawrence Carter, one of the valued citizens of Dayton, is an excellent example of this class of physicians, and for years has carried on a general practice, winning the affection, as well as the confidence, of his patients, by his skill and ready sympathy. He was born at Sabina, Ohio, March 6, 1872, and received his education in the graded and high schools there, and the Medical College of Ohio, Cincinnati, from which he was graduated with the class of 1895, receiving the degree of M. D. His professional labors commenced at Selma, Ohio, where he was located one year and ten months, and March 4, 1897, he went to West Carrollton, where he remained in practice over twenty-one years, during which time he built up a large professional business and won widespread reputation as a practitioner of learning and skill. April 15, 1918, he took up his residence at Dayton, where he has since had a well-appointed office at No. 317 S. Brown street, and has maintained the prestige that he won in his former field of endeavor. While he is a general practitioner, he specializes to some extent in internal medicine. He is a member of the Montgomery County Medical society, the Ohio State Medical society and the American Medical association, and a close and earnest student of his calling, being often called into consultation by his professional brethren

who value the knowledge he has gained through long years of research. He is a man of broad outlook on life and is not only thoroughly versed as to matters pertaining to his calling but in topics of general interest and importance. As a fraternalist he is a Mason of the Scottish-Rite degree, and his religious affiliation is with Roper Methodist Episcopal church. April 16, 1895, he married Jessie W., daughter of John Watt, of Wellston, Ohio, and they have one daughter, Winnifred, who is a student at Denison university.

Roy Burnes Cassingham, who is successfully engaged in business as a manufacturer's agent at Dayton, is a worthy representative of the younger business element of the city. To a very considerable extent it is this element in any community which infuses spirit and zest of the activities of the city. It is this element whose entrance upon the arena of active life dates not farther back than a decade ago which monopolizes most of the vigor, zeal and pushing energy which keeps the nerves of the commercial and industrial world ramifying through all the branches of business strung to the full tension of strenuous endeavor. Mr. Cassingham, who is a pronounced type of the class of tireless workers thus described, as applied to Dayton, was born at Champaign, Ill., September 11, 1889. He received his education in the public schools of that city, as well as at the University of Illinois, which is located at Champaign, and after his graduation from that institution, in 1910, followed the example of many Champaign boys and went to Chicago to seek his fortune in the great establishments of the Illinois metropolis. His first connection was with the William B. Hough company of that city, but subsequently he was employed by the Imperial Water Proof company, which concern sent him to Boston, Mass., where he opened a branch office for the firm. He continued with that office for one year, or until it was well established, and then went to Columbus, Ohio, where he opened a branch office for the Champion Iron company, remaining with that concern until 1913. In that year he came to Dayton and permanently settled himself in business circles here. He came to this city as the representative of the Champion Iron company, whose interests he took care of until about September 1, 1914, at which time, in company with C. C. James, his present partner, he started a brokerage and Manufacturers' agency business, with offices at 1181 and 1182 Reibold building. This business has proven very successful under the management of these two energetic young men, and at present they represent the following concerns: Cleveland Brass and Copper mills, Dahlstrom Metallic Door company, International Casement company, Wells-Moore Manufacturing company, Edward Shannon company and the B. M. Gardner company, all important concerns. This is a line of business for which peculiar abilities are needed by the participants desiring success, and these talents are possessed in full by Mr. Cassingham, who has won his success in the business world through his own merit, energy, push and initiative, and not through the medium of outside influence or assistance. While a student at the University of Illinois, he was initiated into the mysteries of the college fraternities Delta Tau

Delta and Beta Upsilon, and still holds membership in these societies, as he does also in the Dayton club and the Dayton Country club. He has been too greatly occupied with his business interests to have allowed much time for outside matters, but when occasion has offered has given his services enthusiastically to movements which have made for advancement. Mr. Cassingham is unmarried.

John M. Chase, D. D. S., one of the successful dental surgeons of Dayton, has long been engaged in a general practice of his profession in this city, and has won a well deserved reputation for reliability. He was born at Cheshire, Ohio, October 14, 1867, a son of Joseph W. Chase. After attending the public schools of Loveland, Ohio, he took the regular dental course at the Ohio College of Dental Surgery at Cincinnati, Ohio, from which he was graduated in the class of 1891, and for the following nine years was engaged in practice at Lima, Ohio, which he left for Dayton, in 1899, since which time he has remained here. Doctor Chase has always practiced alone, and has built up a large and valuable connection. He belongs to the Ohio State Dental society, of which he is a member of the board of directors; the American Dental association, and the Miami Valley Dental society, and has served the last named organization as treasurer and president. A Mason in good standing, he belongs to Mystic Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and he is also a member of the college fraternity, Delta Sigma Delta. September 18, 1895, Doctor Chase was united in marriage with Miss Mary Estelle Parmenter, a daughter of Cornelius Parmenter, of Lima, Ohio. Doctor and Mrs. Chase have two children, namely: Helen E., and Fred W. Doctor Chase is a man who has always lived up to the highest ideals of his calling, and is recognized as a man worthy of support and a decided acquisition to his community.

Harrie P. Clegg. The pioneer residents of a new county or city, independently of any intrinsic qualities which they possess, are objects of peculiar interest in succeeding generations. Men enjoy to read their names and treasure in memory the slightest incident connected with their persons and their settlement. Each successive step in the settlement of the country, as adventurous pioneers, pushed out from the populous centers into the rapidly receding wilderness, has brought to notice enterprising men, who have connected their names indissolubly with rising states and embryo cities. While he was not the first inhabitant of Dayton, Thomas Clegg, who was born in England, was one of the first genuine emigrants who made a permanent settlement in what became one of the great inland metropolises of the country. Since the time of his arrival the family has been a prominent one at Dayton, in business and civic affairs, and a worthy representative of the fourth generation is found in the person of Harrie P. Clegg, president of the Oakwood Street railway and president of the Dayton & Troy Electric Railway company. Mr. Clegg was born at Dayton, May 4, 1872, a son of Charles B. and Harriet (Pease) Clegg, the former of whom was also born in this city, February 5, 1842. Joseph Clegg, grandfather of Harrie P., was born in England, and was still a youth when he accompanied his father, Thomas Clegg, the founder, to the United States. Joseph Clegg became

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largely interested in business affairs, and had the distinction of owning the first cotton mill at Dayton. The public schools and Miami university furnished Charles B. Clegg with his educational training, but his career was temporarily interrupted by the outbreak of the Civil war. In 1863 he enlisted as a private in Company C, 131st regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served gallantly until the cessation of hostilities. Returning to his home, for a time he was associated with his father in the linseed-oil business, and later became one of the founders of the agricultural implement firm of Clegg, Wood & company. He was subsequently with Wood, Archer & company, but disposed of his interests therein to become identified with the Oakwood Street Railway company, of which he became president. For a time he was connected with the Dayton & Western railway, which operated between Dayton and Richmond, Ind., and for some years was a director in the city railway until succeeded in that office by his son, in June, 1918. He maintained his interest in his old comrades of the Blue, and was a valued member of Old Guard Post, G. A. R. He was treasurer of Christ Episcopal church for fifteen years and also served as vestryman until his death, December 16, 1918. Like his father, Harrie P. Clegg attended the public schools of Dayton and Miami university, and also was a student at the Stevens Institute of Technology. Subsequently he went abroad and for three years attended the University of Berlin, studying engineering, and with this specialized equipment returned to Dayton to become general manager of the Oakwood Street railway, of which concern he is now president. He became one of the organizers of the Dayton & Troy Electric railway, and at this time is president thereof, and, as noted, is a director in the city railway. Mr. Clegg is variously connected with civic and social bodies, including the Dayton, Engineers, Buz Fuz and Dayton Country clubs and the Miami Hunt club, and holds membership in Christ Episcopal church. He was married October 4, 1893, to Lola, daughter of William H. and Mary (Slentz) Crume, of Dayton, and to this union there have been born eight children: Harriet, Charles B. II, William Ellsworth, Joseph, Harrie P., Jr., and Philip Hatfield. Mary Carrie and Carolyn died in infancy.

F. Willard Cockerill, D. D. S. During the period which has elapsed since he commenced practice at Dayton, in 1910, Dr. F. Willard Cockerill has made appreciable advancement in the profession of dentistry, so that today he is given due recognition as one of the skilled and successful operators in this difficult calling. He was born in Fayette county, Ohio, June 7, 1885, and received his early education in the public schools of Washington Court House, following which he pursued a course at Ohio Northern university, Ada, Ohio. Next, Doctor Cockerill enrolled as a student at Starling Ohio Medical college, Columbus, Ohio, now a part of the Ohio State university, and with the class of 1910 received the degree of D. D. S. While at Starling he was admitted to the Xi Psi Phi fraternity. Upon the receipt of his diploma he came to Dayton and established himself in a general practice of dentistry, in which he has since built up a large and representative clientele. A thorough

and constant student of his calling, he is keeping pace with its many wonderful discoveries, inventions and advancements, and his well-appointed offices in the Reibold building are equipped with every instrument and appliance known to the science of dentistry as practiced by modern devotees. Doctor Cockerill belongs to St. Elizabeth's hospital clinic, and is a member of the Miami Valley Dental society. Fraternally, he belongs to Iola Lodge, No. 83, K. P.; Aero Lodge, U. D., Masonic, in addition to which he has a number of other connections, business, civic and social. His religious connection is with the Methodist Episcopal church. Doctor Cockerill was married December 25, 1912, to Ethel, daughter of J. C. Coffman, of Washington Court House, Ohio. Mrs. Cockerill died January 29, 1917, leaving one daughter, Janet.

William F. Cody. It is not unusual that when an individual is compelled to commence early to fight his battles with the world, he long bears the marks and scars of the contest, but to this rule William F. Cody is an exception. Through his entire career he has maintained a kindly spirit and a generous disposition that is manifest toward all with whom he comes in contact. While he is aware of the constant alertness needed to maintain his place as one of the leading hat store proprietors of Dayton, he does not feel that he must constantly be on the defensive against his fellow-men, but that rather he is traveling the same road with them, with opportunities for each and chances for all. This self-made Dayton business man was born at Union City, Ohio, March 23, 1873, and his educational training was confined to attendance at the public schools of Springfield, this state. His first wage-earning employment was in a Springfield hotel, after which he worked for a time for the Stewart interests in the same city. For nine years he was employed at the house of Kinnane Brothers, and the experience there gained fitted him to accept the position of manager of the hat department of the McDonald Clothing company, of Detroit, Mich. Later, he went to Cleveland, Ohio, as head of the hat department of the Bennett & Fish company, and remained there until January, 1906. At that time Mr. Cody came to Dayton, and, in partnership with David B. Korn, established his first hat store, at No. 5 Arcade. The association continued until 1908, when it was mutually dissolved, Mr. Cody retaining the Dayton stores. At this time he controls a string of eight establishments, of which two are located at Dayton, with one each at Evansville and Terre Haute, Ind., Springfield, Ill., and Louisville, Ky. He employs twenty-five salespeople. Mr. Cody is one of the best-informed hat men known to the trade, and is a thorough business man in every respect. In the building up of his chain of establishments he has demonstrated good judgment and foresight, and in their maintenance has always followed a policy of fair dealing and high business principles that has given him standing and reputation in business circles. Like other Dayton merchants, Mr. Cody suffered during the great flood of 1913, when he lost some $22,000. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, holds a life membership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and belongs to the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Knights of Columbus, fourth degree, Ernshaw Camp Sons of Vet-

erans and the Dayton City club. With his family, he belongs to St. Agnes' Catholic church. Mr. Cody was married July 14, 1914, to Anna Elizabeth, daughter of James A. Shadell, of New York City, and to this union there has been born one son, William F., jr.

Ray E. Coffield, secretary and treasurer of the Coffield Motor Washer company, of Dayton, has had a career which has resulted in the attainment of business standing and prestige. Of extraordinary forcefulness and resource, quick to see the possibilities of a project and possessed of the ability to carry an enterprise to success, he is known to his associates as a man of scrupulous integrity and fair play. He has been a strenuous worker all of his life, but is fortunate in the possession of unusual endurance and determination, qualities which have aided largely in the gratifying success which has attended his efforts. Mr. Coffield was born in Clark county, Ohio, November 12, 1879, a son of George W. Coffield. His father, a gas engineer, was for some years a resident of Dayton, but later in life went to the city of Cleveland, where his death occurred. Ray E. Coffield attended the country schools of Clark county, following which he pursued a business course at Nelson's Commercial College, of Springfield, Ohio. His first employment was in the factory of the Davis Sewing Machine company, at Dayton, where he remained two years, and then was with the National Cash Register company, with which he was identified as a member of the factory force for four years. Mr. Coffield then became connected with the Coffield Motor Washer company, with which concern he has since been connected and in the growth and development of which he has had an active part. This business was founded in March, 1904, by P. T. Coffield and his son, J. L. Coffield, under the style of P. T. Coffield & Son, as a partnership, the plant being situated on Valley street. The business consisted of the manufacture of water power motor washing machines, known as the Coffield Power Washers, and the firm was a pioneer in the field of manufacturing this product. At the start the output was from fifty to seventy-five machines per month, but the business grew steadily, and in April, 1905, it was found necessary to secure larger quarters and the business was accordingly removed to Fifth street and Mad river. There, in May, 1909, the business was incorporated as the Coffield Motor Washer company, for $50,000, and the following officials, including the board of directors and stockholders, were chosen: P. T. Coffield, president; J. L. Coffield, vice-president; R. E. Coffield, secretary and treasurer; F. S. Reeve, superintendent; and C. D. Coffield, of Cleveland, director. In November, 1912, the company again found itself cramped for space, and found it necessary to secure better accommodations, these being obtained at the present plant at 312-20 Huffman street. In 1913 the company built its own brass foundry, and from time to time other improvements have been added, which make the plant modern, commodious and sanitary, satisfying to the 150 employees and presenting ideal conditions under which to work. Just how greatly the business has grown appears in the statement that the company is now putting out on an average of 30,000 machines per annum, and in addition to its original product is also producing a highly improved and ingenious

electric power washing and wringing machine which has also met with popular favor and enjoys a wide trade. The product of this company, which is conceded to be of superior make and quality, is sold through dealers and special agents throughout the country. Mr. Coffield is primarily a business man and has avoided public attention, never taking part in politics, but is a public-spirited man, always ready to do his share to help along the welfare of his home city which he considers the greatest in the country. He belongs to Triangle Club No. 1, and his only fraternal connection is with Linden Lodge of the Knights of Pythias and the D. O. K. K., a branch of the K. of P. With his family, he belongs to the Memorial Reformed church. June 26, 1902, Mr. Coffield married Bertha, daughter of Andrew Barnhardt, of Troy, Ohio, and to this union there have been born four children: Vera Eloise, Dorothy May, Ray E., jr., and Janet Lucy.

Oscar B. Coffman. A definite aim in life and persistency of purpose forms the foundation upon which is based all honorable success. It is the man who does the work nearest at hand well and faithfully who wins his way to prosperity, and the men who do not find the niche for which they consider themselves fitted is largely due to their inability to prepare themselves for those places which they could occupy with credit and honor. Tracing the lives of successful men of Dayton, it is easy to see that progressive characters have never lacked for opportunities, and that opportunities have not signified so much as the man. In connection with this statement there may be mentioned the career of Oscar B. Coffman, secretary of the Edgemont Machine company, of Dayton, who has moulded his abilities to fit his opportunities, and who through perseverance and industry has won his way to a substantial position among the business men of his city. Mr. Coffman was born in Preble county, Ohio, September 25, 1875, a son of Jesse A. and Sarah Frances (Pfoutz) Coffman, the parents both natives of Preble county. The father, who had been engaged in the drug business at West Alexandria, Ohio, brought the family to Dayton, where he engaged in the same line of business on East Third street, and continued as one of Dayton's thriving merchants until his death in 1912, he being survived by Mrs. Coffman, who still makes her home here. The family belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, in the faith of which the three sons, W. P., J. I. and Oscar B., were reared. In his boyhood Oscar B. Coffman attended the public schools of West Alexandria, following which he went to the Miami Jacobs Business college, at Dayton. His first personal experience in business had come while he was serving as his father's assistant in his pharmacy, but it was not until he entered the employ of the Edgemont Machine company that he was given a real opportunity to develop his business ability. Entering the employ of this firm in the capacity of bookkeeper, he won repeated and consecutive promotion, until 1917, when he was made secretary, a position that he has continued to fill with credit and ability to the present time. The Edgemont Machine company was organized as a machine and repair shop about the year 1900 by George Stahl and C. M. Hill, being first located near Hawthorne. In 1902 it was moved to Washington and

Mound streets, and in 1906 was incorporated for $15,000, with George Stahl, president; W. P. Coffman, secretary, and J. I. Coffman, treasurer. In 1912 the business was moved to its present location, at Neibert and Home avenues, and from that time forward the prosperity of the establishment was assured. Business grew by leaps and bounds and in 1916 the capital was increased to $75,000. In the following year Mr. Stahl died, which necessitated the election of new officials, the results being: W. P. Coffman, president; Oscar B. Coffman, secretary, and J. I. Coffman, treasurer. The specialty of the concern is the manufacture of friction clutches for power transmitters, but the company also manufactures machinery of all kinds, and its products have a reputation for strength, durability, excellence of workmanship and standard quality that makes the firm's name highly regarded wherever its goods are used. At the present time the firm is employing 100 people in its plant, and has one traveling salesman on the road. The plant is fully equipped with the latest machinery, and has 50,000 square feet of floor space. Oscar B. Coffman has practically grown up with this business and is familiar with its every angle. He is possessed of sterling business ability in several directions, and is a director in the B. B. Confectionery company and otherwise importantly connected. He is an active member of the Greater Dayton association, is a thirty-second degree Mason and a Shriner, and with his family belongs to the Reformed church. Mr. Coffman was married in April, 1898, to Miss Maude F. Fouts, daughter of John Fouts, of Preble county, Ohio, and to this union there have been born two children: Richard F. and Marjorie L., both of whom reside with their parents.

Rev. Henry Francis Colby. Of so fine and commanding a personality as the late Rev. Henry Francis Colby one speaks most who speaks least. His career, outlined against the history of Dayton for nearly a half a century, requires for its posterity setting no platitudes or embellishments, having worked itself out simply and harmoniously and in accordance with the invincible truths which have filtered through the ages for the enlightenment of mankind. Born at Boston, Mass., November 25, 1842, a son of Gardner Colby, he came of worthy family stock, and received his early education in the Boston public schools. Subsequently he attended Brown university, being graduated with the class of 1862, and then pursued a course in the Newton Theological institute, which he completed in 1867. During the following year he traveled in Europe, and upon his return was engaged in the study of law for a short time. January 15, 1868, he was ordained a minister of the Baptist church and was made pastor of the First Baptist church of Dayton, a charge which he retained until ill health caused his resignation in the evening of life. In 1882 his alma mater conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Doctor Colby's connection with educational and charitable institutions was one which covered many years and which enlisted his best talents, time and sympathies. For nineteen years he was president of the Miami hospital, for forty-three years a member of the board of trustees of Denison university, and president of the board for several years, and for three years he was president of the American Baptist Missionary union. He

was married May 5, 1870, to Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Chamberlain, of Boston, Mass., who survived her husband several years and who at her death left the following children: Mary, the wife of B. B. Thresher, of Dayton; Edward C. and Francis G., also of this city; Henry R., of Memphis, Tenn.; Alfred M., of Mansfield, Ohio, and Eleanor, the wife of E. R. Little, of Detroit, Mich. Mr. Colby's character was an impressive and unselfish one, and one of his salient characteristics was a placing of the interests of others before his own. The affection and reverence in which he was held were shown in the grief which was exhibited on every side when, May 8, 1915, the news reached his fellow-citizens that one of their great men had passed into eternity. Business men, social acquaintances and the members of his former congregation all united, drawn together by a bond of common sorrow, and although several years have passed since he was laid to rest, the keen edge of the loss has not yet been dulled. In his home, in business circles and among his outside friends, the memory of Doctor Colby is tenderly cherished, and his example will continue to point the way for younger men to tread to achieve uprightness of living and unsullied distinction.

Grattan Colvin. The increasing tendency of individuals learned in the profession of law to embark in occupations outside of their immediate sphere of activity results in numerous advantages. This is but the natural result of the mastering of a learned calling which, perhaps, equips its devotees for success in more lines of activity than any other wage-earning medium, causing it to be justly regarded as a means, rather than an end, and as an adjunct rather than an entirety. The result is necessarily an elevation of commercial and industrial standards, an avoidance of complications, a means of adjustment out of courts, and a general simplifying of conditions through a knowledge of underlying principles and penalties. An illustration of this modern phase of law is found in Grattan Colvin, whom personal selection shifted from a promising legal practice in New York City to a successful manufacturing career at Dayton, where he is treasurer of the Platt Iron works. Mr. Colvin was born February 5, 1876, at Columbus, Ga., a son of John A. Colvin. He attended the public schools of his native place, and following some preparation entered the University of Georgia, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1897 and the degree of Bachelor of Arts. To further prepare himself, he took a course at the Harvard Law school, being graduated in 1900, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, and at once entered practice at New York City, where he was successful in building up a large professional business, and where his work, carrying him into all the courts, attracted some attention. In 1915, however, he was made such an attractive offer by the Platt Iron Works, of Dayton, that he sold his practice and came to this city, where he has since held the position of treasurer for this large concern. His knowledge of the law makes him a particularly valuable man to his company, but he is also possessed of marked business ability, and the two qualities have done much to advance him in business circles. He is an active member of the Greater Dayton association and belongs to the Harvard club of New York City and the Dayton club, and his religious

affiliation is with the Catholic church. He was married December 7, 1911, to Miss Marjorie Catchings, daughter of Benjamin F. Catchings, of New York City, and they are the parents of four children: Marjorie, Jane, Fermine and Grattan, Jr.

Charles E. Comer. Dayton is known as a manufacturing city of great importance. This fame has been won not so much by the number as by the stability of many of her business houses whose satisfactory products reach every part of the country. An example highly creditable to the city may be found in the Comer Manufacturing company, with which Charles E. Comer, its president, has been identified since its beginning in 1911. Mr. Comer is yet a young man, born June 26, 1886, in Montgomery county, Ohio, son of David P. and Eliza J. (Snyder) Comer, and he was educated in the public schools of Dayton and Otterbein university, and he also attended special night classes as a member of the Y. M. C. A. When he started to work it was in the hosiery manufacturing department of the Thomas Manufacturing company, where he remained two years and eight months. In 1911, in a small way, the Comer Manufacturing company had its birth as a partnership between Charles E. Comer and A. C. Stolz, quarters being secured in the United Brethren annex. The venture gave such signs of growth that in 1912 the partners incorporated with a capital of $15,000, the first officers being: A. C. Stolz, president; Charles E. Comer, secretary and treasurer; Frank Callahan, vice-president. More commodious quarters were necessitated by 1913 and removal was made to the third floor of No. 34 E. Fourth street, where manufacturing was carried on until November, 1916, when the company took possession of the entire fourth floor of the Dye building. The officers in January, 1919, and at present are: Charles E. Comer, president; A. C. Stolz, vice-president; F. T. Knuth, secretary and treasurer. The business is the manufacture of rain coats, the trade name being the Comer Rain Coat. Employment is given 185 people in the factory and the company has over 6,000 sales agents in the United States. From the small beginning made by two able and industrious young business men, an enormous enterprise has been built up within a comparatively short time, present production aggregating 100,000 rain coats per year. Mr. Comer has additional business interests, these including: President of the Fabrics Manufacturing company, the products being waterproof caps; and director in the Geyer Dayton Advertising company, the Blommel Sign company and the Ar-Em Manufacturing company. November 24, 1910, he married Elsie, daughter of Isaac and Martha (Wolf) Fallis, of Dayton, Ohio, and they have three children, namely: Charles Vernon, Virginia and Robert. Mr. Comer belongs to Mystic Lodge, F. & A. M., Dayton, has attained the thirty-second degree in Masonry and is a Shriner. He is an active member and director of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, and belongs also to the Dayton Advertising, the Dayton City, the Dayton Country and the Kiwanis clubs.

Frank M. Compton. The American Loan and Savings Association, one of Dayton's building and loan associations, was organized on February 22, 1875. The first meeting of the board of

directors was held on April 17, 1875, at the office of Sumner T. Smith, at 5 E. Third street, in Dayton. The first board of directors of this association was composed of Frank Folckemer as president, S. A. Wetzel as vice-president, Peter M. Aulabaugh, Jacob Fate, Henry Dornbush, H. R. Groneweg, W. H. Buvinger, A. Humphreys and H. B. Sortman. Of this board, only two survive, Frank Folckemer, who now lives at West Milton, and Henry R. Groneweg, well known as president of the Groneweg Printing company, of Dayton.

Alfred Humphreys, a young attorney of Dayton at that time, was elected secretary, and served as such until January 31, 1883, when he was succeeded by Charles Waltmire. In December, 1894, on the reorganization of the management of the association, Frank M. Compton was elected secretary and attorney for the association, and served as such until October, 1919, when he was succeeded as secretary by Paul P. O'Brian.

Frank Folckemer served as president of the association from its organization until 1877, when he was succeeded by William F. Gloyd, who served for thirty-seven years, until his death, which occurred in August, 1914. Samuel W. Davies was elected to succeed him as president, and served until his death, which occurred in October, 1919. Frank M. Compton, then secretary, was elected president and general manager of the association.

At the time of his election, and until his retirement from business, William F. Gloyd was connected with The Gem City Stove company of this city, as a superintendent. He was a man of sterling character and possessed qualifications which might have given him distinction, and he enjoyed an opportunity for their wider exercise.

Samuel W. Davies needs no extended notice here. For many years he was one of the representative and most distinguished citizens of Dayton. At the time of his death, besides holding the office of president of this association, he was president of the Dayton National bank, and interested as a director and otherwise in numerous other concerns.

On graduation from the National Normal university of Lebanon, Ohio, Frank M. Compton, the president and general manager of the association, entered the office of Craighead & Craighead, in Dayton, Ohio, and after three years was admitted, in 1888, to the bar of Ohio. For a short time he practiced in partnership with Daniel W. Allaman, later forming a partnership with Charles A. Funkhouser, as Compton & Funkhouser, which connection has continued for the past nineteen years. On reorganization of the management, in 1894, he was elected secretary and attorney, but his services as secretary have extended only to the general management of the business of the association. The present organization of the association is as follows: Frank M. Compton, president and general manager, William R. Knaub, vice-president, Paul P. O'Brian, secretary and William F. Fackler, William B. Anderson, John A. Murphy and John R. Flotron, directors.

William R. Knaub, who, for the past four years, has served as vice-president of the association, and for twenty-six years as one of its appraisers, is a native of Dayton, and for a number of years

was connected with one of Dayton's manufacturing companies. Since his retirement from such service, he has served for sixteen years as secretary of the State Council of the United American Men and is now vice-president and treasurer of the Dayton Mutual Fire Insurance company.

Of the other directors, William F. Fackler is one of the owners of the Gem City Planing Mill and Lumber company, and an appraiser for the association; John A. Murphy is president of the John A. Murphy company, miners and wholesale and retail dealers in coal; William B. Anderson is president of the Buckeye Iron and Brass works, and John R. Flotron, for several years president of the John Rouzer company, until its dissolution, is now special agent of the Union Central Life Insurance company, of Cincinnati.

Paul P. O'Brian, now secretary and a director of the association, was educated in the Dayton schools, later taking a position in the office of the Platt Iron works. Eighteen years since he resigned from this service to accept a position with this association, and was for fifteen years assistant secretary, until elected to be secretary and a director.

Like most others, this association was organized by mechanics and people of small fortune, for the purpose of securing means to build homes for the individual members. The business was new, promotion difficult, and the growth slow, so that at the end of nineteen years, the company possessed assets of only about $200,000. Shortly after the reorganization, in 1894, the building association business in Ohio became more popular with the masses, and this association, with other leading associations, enjoyed a great impetus in growth. From a small beginning, the association had increased in thirteen years to more than two and one-half million dollars in assets. At the date of its last rendered statement, July 1, 1919, it had assets in excess of $4,300,000, and from a mere handful of depositors and borrowers, its patronage has increased to more than 12,000 regular and occasional depositors and borrowers.

For the past twenty-six years this association has occupied modest quarters on the third floor of the Davies building. Recognizing the pressing need for more convenient accommodations, the company has recently purchased the Conover building, at the corner of Third and Main streets, in Dayton, and it is the intention of the management to occupy these quarters as soon as the expiration of present leases will permit.

Daniel Beckel Conklin, M. D. The name of Conklin is one which figures prominently in medical circles of Dayton, for in this city there have been two physicians in the same family, father and son, who have practiced successfully and have won honors and position as members of their profession. The elder man is now deceased, but the family is still being worthily represented by the son, Dr. Daniel Beckel Conklin, whose entire career has been passed in assisting to alleviate the ills of his fellow-citizens in this community. Doctor Conklin was born at Dayton, March 30, 1877, a son of Dr. W. J. Conklin, who for many years was one of this city's most highly esteemed medical practitioners. Daniel B. Conklin attended the public schools, following which he went to the Mich-

igan Military academy, at Orchard Lake, Mich., and then was sent to Cornell university, where he was graduated with the class of 1900. His medical studies were prosecuted in the medical department of Columbia university, from which institution he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1902. Further to prepare himself, he served an interneship at St. Luke's hospital, New York City, and then returned to Dayton, where he began the practice of his profession in association with his father, a partnership which continued until the elder man's death, October 28, 1916. Since that event, Doctor Conklin has practiced alone, his offices being in the Reibold building. As a matter of inheritance Doctor Conklin early evidenced an aptitude for his chosen profession, and the training he has enjoyed and the ability he possessed, have enabled him to gain a large and representative practice and an excellent standing in the ranks of his profession. For twelve years he was a member of the medical staff of St. Elizabeth's hospital, Dayton. He is a member of the Montgomery County Medical society, the Ohio State Medical society and the American Medical association, and of the Dayton club. Doctor Conklin married Miss Helen Wolf, daughter of J. P. Wolf, of Dayton, and they are the parents of two children: James Perrine and Catharine Beckel.

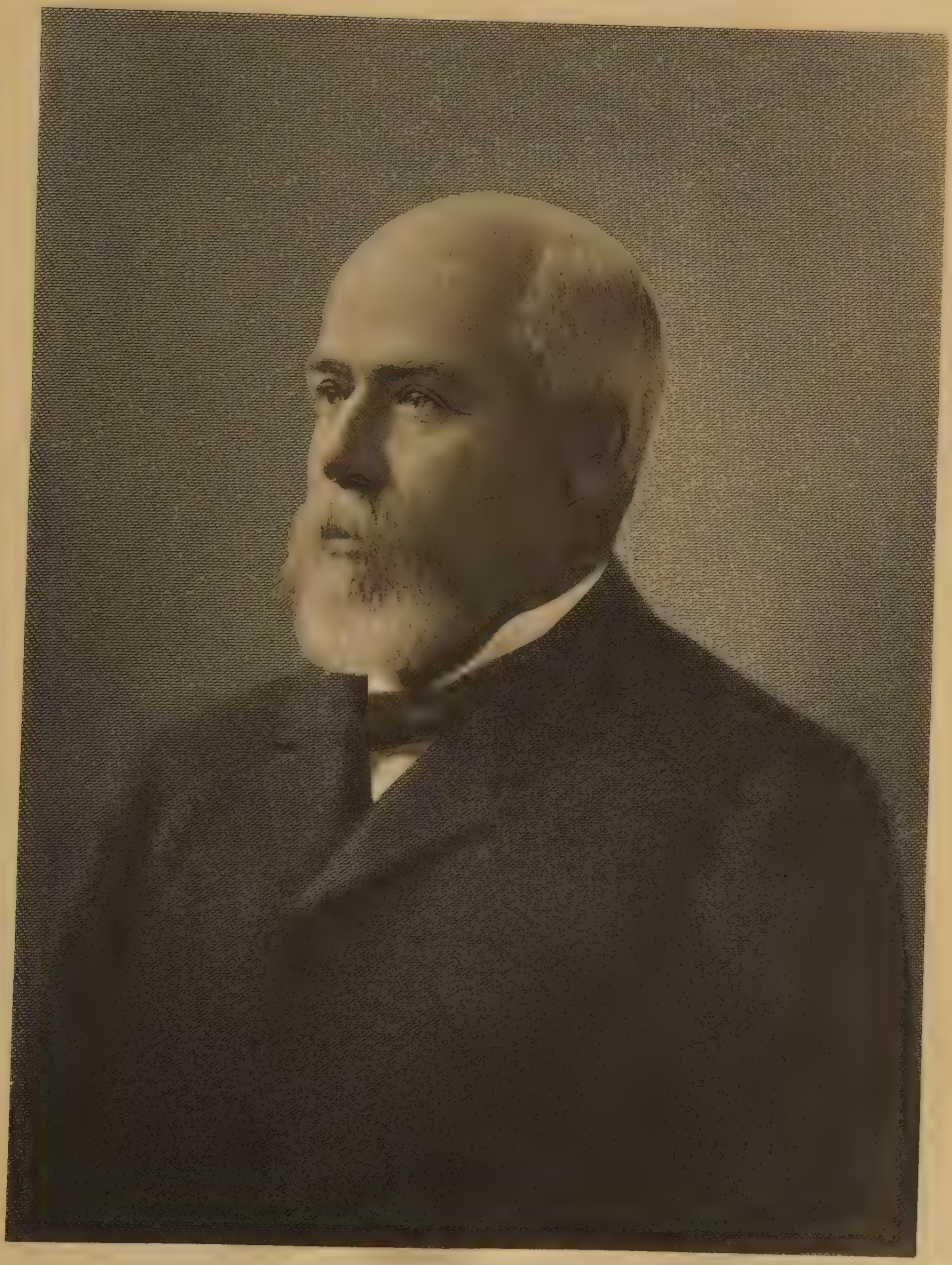
Walter L. Connors. One of the reliable and successful practitioners at the Dayton bar, Walter L. Connors, has passed much of his career in connection with the attorney general's office, and also has a large private practice. He is a man of firm convictions, settled purpose, practical in his aims, whether as an attorney or man, and has, therefore, advanced steadily to a substantial professional position, having been effective also in the realization of those projects which are advanced by good citizens of modern tendencies. Mr. Connors was born at Dayton, Ohio, April 29, 1888, a son of Patrick J. and Ella (Larkin) Connors. His grandfather was Timothy Connors, a native of County Cork, Ireland, who, on coming to the United States, located at Dayton and for a number of years was employed in the plant of the Stimps & Burkhardt Furniture company. Patrick J. Connors was born at Dayton and received his education in the public schools, and for some years was an employee of the city clerk's office as deputy. Later he was made superintendent of construction on water works, a position which he retained for sixteen years, and at the present time is the incumbent of the position of highway inspector. Walter L. Connors attended the public schools of Dayton and St. Mary's college, from which latter he was graduated with the class of 1905. Having decided upon a professional career, he began the study of law in the offices of Young & Young, but in 1907 his career in this direction was temporarily halted by his appointment to the position of secretary to the division engineer of the C. H. & D. railway. The duties of that position occupied his attention until 1909, when he received the appointment as secretary to the warden of the Ohio State penitentiary. During the four years that he held that post he not only continued his legal studies, but through his coming into contact with those who had infringed upon the laws gained a broader outlook on life and a deeper insight into human nature which have been of inestim-

able value to him in his practice. Mr. Connors was admitted to the bar in 1912, and in 1913 was appointed special counsel in the office of the attorney general at Columbus. From 1915 to 1917 he was engaged in practice at Dayton, but in the latter year was again appointed to his former position in the attorney general's office, and remained there during that and the following year. Returning to Dayton in February, 1919, he formed a law partnership with H. Stanley McCall, and this is already considered a formidable combination. The firm has a large clientele, the interests of which carry its members into all of the courts, and offices are maintained in the Dayton Savings and Trust building. Mr. Connors is a member of the Montgomery County Bar association, the Ohio State Bar association and the American Bar association. His religious connection is with Sacred Heart Catholic church, and his fraternal affiliations include membership in the Knights of Columbus, third degree, the Catholic Order of Foresters, and the Elks Lodge. Among his associates, both professional and non-professional, he is popular both at Dayton and Columbus, and in the latter city is a valued member of the Columbus Athletic club.

Harry C. Conway. In the great manufacturing centers of the country are found openings and opportunities for the profitable exercise of special talents and for that measure of business advancement that particularly marks the laudable ambition of enterprising young American men at the present time. Many fields of useful activity offer unusual inducements, but this is a manufacturing era and undoubtedly manufacturing is absorbing much of the keen, discriminating, business capacity of the country. Dayton's many successful manufacturing enterprises amply prove this. A leading concern in this line in this city, which is known over a wide business territory, is the G. H. Mead company, with which Harry C. Conway, a well-known resident of Dayton, is identified as a prominent official, being treasurer of the company. Mr. Conway was born at Orange, in Essex county, N. J., December 4, 1886, and is a son of Charles Conway, an old and highly respected resident of Orange. In the public schools of his native city Mr. Conway secured a sound, practical education, proving a good foundation on which to build when he later entered the school of business experience. From Orange Mr. Conway went to Schenectady, N. Y., where he entered the employ of the General Electric company with which concern he remained for the succeeding eight years. When he came to Dayton, in December, 1915, it was in an official capacity with the G. H. Mead company, and he served for a time as comptroller and then became treasurer, a position for which he is admirably qualified. Since coming to this city he has transferred his interests here and has identified himself not only with Dayton's business activities, but has become a factor in the city's philanthropic enterprises and its pleasant social life. He is an enthusiastic member of the Greater Dayton association, is earnest and helpful in the Y. M. C. A. at home and abroad, and belongs to the Country club and Dayton City club. Mr. Conway was married June 4, 1914, to Miss Jeanette Mead, who is a daughter of Charles D. Mead, of Dayton, Ohio.

The Cooper Medicine Company. It is an indisputable fact that some of the well-known remedies put on the market by men of science have effected cures that place the discoverers of such medicaments among the benefactors of mankind. This fact is remarkable because of the claim of some medical men that no single remedy can be a general specific, and yet, experience teaches that those which are compounded upon general well known principles must be and are of great benefit to those suffering from certain diseases. So well founded is this fact that a number of the most reliable physicians have devoted their energies to experimentation with drugs, hoping to produce remedies that will benefit mankind, that may be placed within the reach of all suffering humanity. Several of these remedies, resulting from scientific study, that have met with universal appreciation from the general public, and been recognized by a large part of the medical profession because of their excellent and unquestioned merits, were discovered by Dr. Lee Thomas Cooper, and are being manufactured by the Cooper Medicine company, of Dayton. Doctor Cooper was born in Mason county, Ky., May 11, 1875, a son of James S. and Mary Ellen (Mason) Cooper. He received his early education in the public schools of his native county, and had acquired his medical education also prior to coming to Dayton in 1900. Here he became one of the founders and the president of the Cooper Medicine company, which was incorporated for $10,000 for the purpose of manufacturing proprietary medicines, his associates in the venture being: J. L. Cooper, vice-president; Joseph Trimbach, treasurer, and W. R. Cooper, secretary. The building now occupied is six floors in height, 50x190 feet, where floor space amounting to 90,000 square feet is available. In 1904 Doctor Cooper bought the interests of J. L. & W. R. Cooper, and the present officers are: Dr. L. T. Cooper, president; Joseph Trimbach, secretary and treasurer, and J. A. Cooper, vice-president. The first products of this firm were Cooper's Liniment and Cooper's New Discovery, but the rights of the latter were sold in 1912 to an eastern concern. In 1914 the Cooper Medicine company produced the Tanlac formula and placed this remedy on the market, the first bottle being sold October 20, 1914, at Lexington, Ky. In the three years that followed there were produced and sold 12,000,000 bottles of this remedy. In the model, up-to-date plant of this company, where there are 100 people employed, the very latest machinery and equipment are to be found, there being a department even for the manufacture of the concern's own pill and tablet boxes. A branch plant is located at Walkerville, Canada. Dr. Lee T. Cooper is a man well known in business and professional circles of Dayton, and is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Col. David B. Corwin. When it is taken into consideration that the majority of individuals never arise above the ordinary, but live out their lives in obscurity and dying are forgotten, all the more appreciation is accredited the careers of those who have enriched their communities, benefited their associates, raised a higher standard for the generations to come, and demonstrated the worth of individual endeavor. The aggressive, public-spirited men of any locality plan for the future as well as the present, and so



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shape the destiny of the community. The late Col. David B. Corwin, of Dayton, was accepted by all as a leader in every enterprise for the public good. After a long and successful career as a lawyer, he turned his attention to transportation matters, in which he was equally successful, being known as a man of prudence, safe and reliable, whose advice in business transactions was sought by many. Also he was prominent in public life, having served with honor and distinction as a member of the State Senate, and was widely known in Grand Army circles. Colonel Corwin was born at Dayton, November 27, 1839, a son of Robert Griffin and Eliza (Bruen) Corwin. After attending the public schools of Washington, D. C., he went to Professor Holbrook's school at Lebanon, Ohio, and the Dayton public schools and normal academy. When the Civil war came on he enlisted in the Union army, and had a long and brilliant service, at one time being colonel of a regiment of Cherokee Indians. When the war closed, the brave young soldier went to Cincinnati, where he began the study of law in the offices of Taft, Sage & Haacke. Later he went to the Cincinnati Law school, and following his graduation therefrom was duly admitted to the bar and commenced practice at Dayton. For one year he remained alone and then formed an association with his brother, Quincy Corwin, this continuing for some years, or until Mr. Corwin was elected city solicitor of Dayton, and filled that office very acceptably for two terms. Returning to private practice he continued to follow his profession with a constantly growing clientele until 1873, in which year he was the successful candidate of the Republican party for a seat in the Ohio State Senate as the representative of his district. His senatorial duties were discharged in an able and conscientious manner, and when his term expired Colonel Corwin became one of the organizers and builders of the Fifth Street railway, becoming secretary and treasurer of same and subsequently president. He was the leading factor in the action that resulted in the consolidation of the Third and Fifth street railway, the city railway, and held the chief executive position in that transportation line until the time of his retirement, in 1911. From that time forward, he lived quietly, enjoying those recreations and pursuits which appealed to his nature and cultured mind, until claimed by death, April 9, 1917. Colonel Corwin was a member of the Loyal Legion, but was better known in Grand Army circles, having been the organizer of Post No. 1 at Dayton. He belonged to the Dayton club, the chamber of Commerce and the Y. M. C. A., and he and Mrs. Corwin belonged to the First Baptist church. September 14, 1895, Colonel Corwin married Miss Jessie Bitzer, daughter of William Smith and Mary (Engle) Bitzer, of Chillicothe, Ohio. Mrs. Corwin, a woman of culture and refinement and one who is widely and favorably known in Dayton's social circles, survives her husband and resides in her attractive home at No. 181 N. Salem avenue. She was born at Chillicothe, Ohio, and secured her education in the public schools of that place.

Maurice Costello. No individual is placed at the head of a concern without having earned such a promotion. To successfully discharge the duties of an executive position, whether it be that of a financial institution, a manufacturing plant or a large commer-

cial establishment, requires certain traits of character, unusual capabilities and the power to sway others and direct their actions. Every man is not fitted for such a task; many are developed for such work through successive promotions, while a few are born with the power to lead their associates. The executive of a manufacturing institution is confronted with many problems, and the ability to solve these questions is found in the business equipment of Maurice Costello, president of the Nixon & Costello company, manufacturers of bottle wrappers, of Dayton. Mr. Costello has been identified with this business since its inception, during the '80s, and is widely known in business circles of Dayton as a capable and honorable business man whose interests include connection with a number of successful enterprises. Maurice Costello was born in County Kerry, Ireland, March 15, 1851, a son of Michael Costello, and was given his education in the parochial schools of his native locality. He was but a youth of sixteen years of age when he emigrated to the United States, and for a short time was located at Chicago. Subsequently he resided at Lima for one year, and then came to Dayton, where he secured employment in the offices of the Dayton & Michigan railway. For a time he remained in the freight house of that road, and then became identified with the Mead & Nixon Paper company, leaving that concern to start a transfer line. This latter continued to absorb his attention until some time during the '80s when, in company with F. M. Nixon, he founded the Nixon & Costello company, for the manufacture of bottle wrappers, the orginal plant being at the corner of Canal and First streets. Later the establishment was moved to the north side of North Sears street, and about three years after its founding the business was made into a stock company, incorporated for $30,000, with the following officials: F. M. Nixon, president, and Maurice Costello, vice-president and manager. About the year 1903 Mr. Costello built the present building, at Nos. 23-25 N. Sears street, where there are available 55,000 square feet of floor space. The plant is modern in arrangement and equipment, sanitary and healthful, and with all the latest machinery and appliances known to the business. A large number of employees are given work, and the capitalization of the business is still $30,000, the present officials being in charge: Maurice Costello, president and manager, and Mary B. Costello, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Costello has steadily advanced to a position of prominence among the men of his community, and his connection with various important enterprises is of a nature that gives him prestige and standing. He is president of the Royal Remedy and Extract company, a director of the City National bank and a director in the Dayton Power and Light company. A man of broad insight, keen sympathies and public spirit, he is a powerful factor in the progressive movements of his community, and has won a recognized position among the really big men of his city. Politically his support is given to the Republican party, but he is not himself a politician. His religious connection is with St. Joseph's Catholic church, and fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Columbus. In June, 1870, Mr. Costello was married to Miss Bridget Sheehy, who was born in Ireland and was ten years of age

when she came to the United States with her father, the late Michael Sheehy, of Dayton. Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Costello, eight of whom are living, namely: Margaret, who is the wife of E. A. Flarrity, of Dayton; Michael J., of this city, who was married to Edna Morton, now deceased; Mary B., also of Dayton; Catherine, the wife of Thomas F. Larkin, of Dayton; Theresa, the wife of Peter Kuntz, Jr., of this city; Robert M., of Dayton, who married Anna Byrne, of Miamisburg, and Helen R., who resides with her parents. The deceased are: One who died in infancy; Anna died aged 23 years, and Gertrude died aged 15 years.

Ulysses S. Couk. The individuals who have made a success of their careers, who have trodden paths they themselves have blazed as they have pushed onward through the thicket of commercial and financial difficulties, are the men who must be given the major portion of the credit for the development of the communities in which their activities have been centered. The toil and risk have been theirs and so they are entitled to a due meed of praise for what they have accomplished. Every action, whether it be good or bad, has its due influence upon the lives of those associated with them. No man can live unto himself alone, for each is interdependent upon the other. Thus it is that a sound, reliable, energetic business man is such a valuable acquisition for any community. In the line of real estate and insurance, as important a field as any other, just such a man is found in the person of Ulysses S. Couk, who has been a resident of Dayton since 1891. His name has been connected with some of the largest deals in realty that the city has seen, and he has frequently been honored by his associates with election to positions of prominence and responsibility in various organizations of real estate men. Mr. Couk was born in Darke county, Ohio, March 1, 1870, a son of Dr. John W. Couk, who for many years was a veterinary surgeon at Greenville, Ohio, but who is now living retired from active pursuits, having reached the venerable age of eighty-seven years. Doctor Couk is a man who was most skilled in his profession during the years of his practice, and became widely and favorably known over a wide territory surrounding his home city of Greenville. During the temporary residence of the family at Union City, Ind., Ulysses S. Couk attended the public schools, and it was there that the greater part of his education was secured. His first business experience was acquired as an employee in the service of the Pennsylvania railway, at Greenville, where he remained two years, and he had just attained his majority, in 1891, when he came to Dayton with the same line. He received steady promotion from time to time and continued in the service of the road until 1899 when he transferred his activities to the National Cash Register company and entered the treasurer's department. With good judgment and foresight, about this time he began to be identified with small real estate deals, and gradually came to the conclusion that this was a field in which there was a great future. His ventures at the start were modest, but he was encouraged by his early success and as time went on entered deeper and deeper into the field of realty. Finally his interests became so large therein that he resigned his

position in order to devote his entire time to the business which he had slowly but surely built up, and since 1907 he has been an operator, his offices at present being at No. 400-401 United Brethren building. In addition to being a real estate broker, Mr. Couk maintains a fire insurance department in connection with his business, and represents the following companies: Marquette National, Federal Union, National Liberty and Netherlands. Among his associates in the field of realty dealing, Mr. Couk is held in high esteem. He is a member of the Dayton Real Estate association, in which he was formerly a member of the board of trustees, and at present is acting in the capacity of member of the auditing committee of the Dayton Real Estate association. He is likewise a member of the State Real Estate board and is generally accounted as an authority on several questions of property values. Mr. Couk was married June 16, 1901, to Miss Mary Elizabeth Eagle, daughter of Ephraim Eagle, of Dayton, and to this union there has been born one daughter, Ruth E., who resides with her parents and is still attending school.

JAMES M. COX

Governor of Ohio

In the late years of the eighteenth century there came out from New Jersey to Ohio, Gilbert Cox, to wrest from the wilderness a home for his family. His father, and probably the Immigrant Ancestor of the clan, was James Cox, an officer in the Revolutionary army and the first speaker in the National House of Representatives. He was a personal friend of Thomas Jefferson, which may account for the strong democratic instincts of his eminent descendant. The son, Gilbert, married Anna Craig and her father, John Craig, also a soldier in the Revolution, accompanied the young couple in their western adventure. His burial stone dated prior to 1800 may still be seen in the burial ground at Jacksonburg. Gilbert Cox selected a tract of land in Butler county five miles west of the present Middletown, cleared off the forest and built a log cabin. In 1810 he replaced it with a large brick house in which his son, also Gilbert Cox, was born. This home has now come back into the family and is being restored and renewed by the grandson, James M. Cox, who was born there forty-eight years ago. Gilbert Cox married Eliza Andrew. Her people were Scotch. They were a sea-going stock and the traditions of this side of Governor Cox's ancestry were all of the sea. The grandfather, Gilbert Cox, lived to an old age and is still remembered as a man of force in that locality. The record of the first school district established in that locality, and running through the years of his early and middle life show that he was the moving spirit in educational matters. He was a trustee and the meetings always took place at his house. Many pledges are recorded as having been given by him and much beyond those already exacted, in order that the school might be permanent.

Of the early years of the grandson of that couple there is little to tell except that in them there was no luxury, some comforts and much hard work. The essentials of living were there—food,

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clothes, companionship—but of the larger needs of the body and mind, the boy felt dimly that they could be found better elsewhere. His boyhood associates, when asked if he displayed any extraordinary gifts which would seem to prefigure his success in later years, were forced to answer negatively. He was just a plain country boy with an insatiable curiosity which led him to ask incessant questions together with a passion for work. He is said to have finished two jobs while the other fellows did one. He did the chores about the place and went to the nearest country school, purchasing the necessary books himself by money he earned as sexton of the country church and janitor of the school building. These occupations took much time that most boys of his age devoted to play. Before light and after dark on winter days he was on hand to tend fires and sweep out. He was but fourteen then but keen enough to see that the hardest part of his work resulted from the fact that one of the elders, in order to pay his own church dues, furnished as fuel for the stove, the greenest and hardest knots of wood that his yard afforded.

An incident of this part of Governor Cox's career throws light on both his character and that of his mother. On the road between his home and the church was a saloon, and his mother, passionately devoted to the cause of temperance, had cautioned him never to pass on that side of the street. On the opposite side was a haunted house which, to the imaginative mind of a boy, keyed up by the usual village stories of ghosts, bore a worse threat of danger than the saloon. He might have easily disobeyed and kept to the safe side of the street with the living wastrels instead of the dead hobgoblins. His mother would never have known, but so imbued was the boy with the instinct of obedience and respect for her opinions that he braved the occult dangers of the haunted house all that winter and never once sought safety on the prohibited side.

An elder sister of James Cox was the wife of J. Q. Baker of Middletown, who edited the paper in that town. To her home he went to live, working as printer's devil and newsboy in the office Saturdays and evenings and going to school in season at what was then a very efficient country academy at Amanda near Middletown. While attending this school James Cox took the county examination and secured a certificate to teach. Before he had reached his twentieth year he had taught in three districts. His last appointment was what is known as the Titus district just north of Middletown. There was at that time in Middletown a public night school and his duties then consisted of teaching in the Titus school in the day time, the night school at night and Saturdays and vacations were spent in the office of the Middletown Signal. Before he left the night school he was made principal by Paul Sorg who was then president of the Middletown Board of Education. From the acquaintance of those days much of value subsequently came.

It will be seen that the development of a teacher was in process but it was as a teacher of a wider audience than the schoolroom. He was already attracted by the atmosphere of a newspaper and longed to take a hand in it. After he had taught three terms the chance came. It was on July 25, 1891, that the wires spoke of a

wreck of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton road with much loss of life and property. The fates arranged it that the editor of the paper was absent. But his young relative was there and jumped into the breach. The train that was derailed carried a picnic party from the National Cash Register Works of Dayton. The boy, for he was not more than that, saw in the accident a chance for a "scoop." Finding no one at the wreck to give him the help he needed he went to a telegraphic operator, a mile away, made him sit down and send at Cox's own dictation a story to the Cincinnati Enquirer. Knowing the demand on the part of relatives that would follow the news of the accident he ascertained the names of every one on the train, together with the names of those killed and wounded, with all possible details. The story—long, picturesque and graphic—was printed complete in the Enquirer and repeated in other Ohio papers. Not long after, the editor of the Enquirer sent for the volunteer correspondent and made him railroad editor of the big sheet. Subsequently he was moved up to be telegraph editor and the journalistic career of James Cox was assured. But there were interims before the final establishment came. The first was when Paul Sorg, who had been elected to Congress from this district, offered a secretaryship to his young editorial friend which was accepted with the more alacrity that it would take him to Washington. Here he took his first lessons in the great field of national politics and was said to have made his own stepping-stones. Keen as he had been as a boy, to find out things, he was doubly so as a man. None of the details of procedure, none of the chances of meeting people who might be of service to him, no occasion of furthering his own aims by devotion to the work in hand were overlooked. Above all the association with Mr. Sorg, who was a striking example of the self-made man, was valuable because he followed fixed principles, the soundness of which greatly impressed his young secretary.

It was not a part of the latter's plans to remain permanently in a subordinate position and although at the conclusion of Mr. Sorg's congressional term he was offered a position in the Sorg manufacturing company the old lure of journalism held his mind and the offered sale of the Dayton News was the conclusive fact. It was not an over-attractive proposition as things were then but it seemed to lead out to where Cox would be his own master and the master of others. He had little money of his own and a daily paper cost money. Mr. Sorg stood back of the deal to the extent of several thousands of dollars. He believed that minority stock should be taken by people in the Dayton community and it was so arranged. In two years' time Cox had bought all this up, paying every man for his investment with interest. Not, however, with cash. To each he gave his note and it was said that for a certain period there was a note falling due every week. It was hard pulling but the satisfaction to the proprietor was that the paper bought itself out of its interest.

At once Cox began to put into the News the stamp of his efficient standards plus the elixir of his own enthusiasm. The paper began to rise in public estimation and within two years had been

pulled out of its decay and started up hill. It was a position that drew out of the young editor all that was in him and he responded to every claim. Nothing was too unknown, too difficult for him to assail. The hardest problems were the greatest challenges. He wrote editorials, kept the books, acted as reporter, swept out, worked early and late, was all over the building at once and lost no opportunities of making new friends and adherents. There was no shady side of a tree for him in the News office any more than there had been on the farm. All this happened in 1898. In 1903 Cox made a wider venture. He purchased in Springfield, the Press-Republic and later the Springfield Democrat, combining the two as the Springfield Daily News. With this triple team of papers he formed the News League of Ohio.

In 1908 Mr. Cox was elected to the Sixty-first Congress from the Third Ohio District which had up to that time been Republican, and later was returned to the Sixty-second Congress by a majority of 12,809 votes. It was the Sixty-first Congress which had before it the stupendous task of revision of the tariff and had been called for that purpose into extra session. Soon after taking his seat Mr. Cox attracted attention by his forceful opposition to the Payne-Aldrich bill which was subsequently rejected by the people. His resolution inquiring into the conduct of the National Military Homes resulted in a general improvement of the conditions of the men in these institutions, especially as relating to housing and rations.

It was through his efforts that the city of Dayton was provided with a splendid new Federal building. He also procured an extension of the Weather Bureau Service so as to include the city of Dayton, thereby adding largely to the protection of crops in that district. It was in this Congress that Mr. Cox served on the District of Columbia committee. During the sixty-second he was appointed a member of the Committee on Appropriations. He was an early advocate of the Initiative and Referendum, urged these reforms on the floor of the House and materially assisted in having Ohio adopt constitutional amendments on these subjects.

In company with Jane Addams, Samuel Gompers, Samuel McCune Lindsay and Thomas Nelson Page he advocated the establishment, in the Department of Commerce and Labor, of a Childrens' Bureau and was a potent factor in having this bit of humanitarian legislation enacted. He was also a firm believer in and aggressive promoter of the enactment of parcels post and good roads laws.

In the light of recent developments it is interesting to note that as early as 1912 Mr. Cox urged an appropriation of $75,000 for the development of the airplane for postal service purposes citing the fact that the French government then owned 400 machines while the United States, the originator of this invention, possessed but ten.

This record in Congress made of James M. Cox logical timber for the governorship of Ohio. When in 1912, he was nominated by the Democratic convention at Toledo the situation was without precedent in this that no other name was presented. It was the

year of the division in the Republican party and the nomination seemed to be equivalent to an election. Yet, when the entire list of counties was called, as was the rule in conventions, only Montgomery county responded. No other county had provided a candidate.

James M. Cox was inaugurated Governor of Ohio on January 14, 1914. In order to apprehend the task set before the new executive when, on New Year's day, 1914, there convened the Eightieth General Assembly, we must glance over the changes in the industrial and civic life of the state which had taken place in sixty years.

At the time of the adoption of the constitution in 1851 there was no industrial problem, no agricultural problem, no municipal problem, no educational problem, no transportation problem. The factories were few and small. The use of machinery was almost unknown, organized labor did not exist. The mining industry of the state was just being foretold by sanguine optimists but the oil and gas wells had not been dreamed of. Farming was the chief industry of the state and the farmers used the same tools that their fathers had before them. The great migration from the farm to the city had not begun.

Except in the cities the schools were open for a few months only and the system was the simplest. There was only one railroad, that from Sandusty to Cincinnati. The census of 1850 showed that there were only forty railroad men in Ohio. Cincinnati had 115,000, odd, inhabitants, Columbus, 17,000, and Dayton less than 11,000.

Such were the conditions of municipal and civic life which the provisions of that early document were supposed to cover.

Look now at the changes since 1851. The wealth producing industries of the state are now enormous. Labor saving machinery has been invented and perfected; the workers both skilled and unskilled have been demanding regulations by law of the conditions of labor, the rate of wages, the sanitary conditions of the factories and the relations between employer and employees. What were then small towns have become flourishing cities; problems in regard to health, education, housing, the care of defectives and criminals have become insistent.

Some efforts had been made from time to time to rewrite the constitution in accordance with modern needs but no definite step was taken except for certain amendments, most of which were adopted in 1912 and gave opportunity for legislation such as should satisfy the demands of the twentieth century. The voters of Ohio had set their approval on thirty-four of the proposals submitted to them by the convention and the incoming administration had before it the task of carrying into reality the spirit of these amendments.

Governor Cox entered into the undertaking with the enthusiasm born of an understanding of its importance. He had under his hat a far-reaching program of reforms which he felt would completely reorganize Ohio and bring it up to the front rank with the progressive states of the Union. One of these reforms was what

Shakespeare calls "The Law's Delay." The public had been increasingly impatient with a judicial system that impeded justice by the mere fact of the mass of technicalities which slowed down any lawsuit until the patience of the litigants was worn out. There were thousands of such cases every year.

The injustice was more marked in the lawsuits growing out of industrial accidents. It became the practice with most manufacturers to take out liability insurance which protected them against injured workmen recovering in court. The Ohio constitution still contained those three old common law defenses, the "fellow servant" rule, the "assumption of risk" and "contributory negligence," all of them dating back to the dim shadows of English principles of jurisprudence.

Governor Cox insisted that the manufacturers in the main were paying the liability insurance companies enough money to compensate the injured workmen and dependents of those who were killed, provided this money went directly to those who suffered the effects of industrial accidents. He therefore proposed that the state amend its constitution so as to discard the three old common law defenses, and that the state itself become a trustee in fact. Under a law which was passed and is still known as the Workmen's Compensation Act, the manufacturer pays into the state fund now an annual sum based upon the number of employees and the hazardous elements of his daily life in the factory. These dangerous elements were easily ascertained and the averages applied, based obviously upon the number of accidents per year. When death ensued the state then paid the dependents $5,000. If the workman was injured his hospital and doctor's bills were met by the state and he was given an allowance covering the period of his disability.

Three things are present now as the direct result of this law: First, workmen and their dependents are paid without lawsuits; second, what manufacturers previously paid for the maintenance of lawsuits now goes where it should always have gone, to those adversely affected by industrial accidents; third, the recall of judiciary is never mentioned and the distrust of courts is a thing of the past. Eight different amendments were passed by the Eightieth General Assembly to assure the more rapid path of justice through the courts. Among these were that by which verdicts may be rendered by less than a unanimous jury, that authorizing depositions in criminal cases and that permitting the prosecutor to comment on the failure of the defendant to testify.

Ranking in importance with the changes in the judicial system was a group of social reform amendments which enabled the state to solve by legislation the class-struggle between employers and employees. The most important among these were the child labor and widows' pension law, the eight-hour day law, the Industrial Commission Act and several others relating to dangers from industrial diseases. Among the reforms relative to the Conduct of Elections were those requiring the direct election of United States senators and for the introduction of the initiative and the referendum, for which no less than eighteen acts were drawn and passed. The aim of all these laws was to limit the influence of partisanship

and make freer the popular choice for candidates. Of immense importance is the Free Insurance for Workmen, which is said to be the best law ever written into the statutes of Ohio on the subject. It insures against accident or death all the workmen of every employer in Ohio who employs more than five. There are no delays. The injured workman or his family do not have to collect. The state collects for them. The ambulance chasing lawyer and his exorbitant fee is ruled out.

The Budget system, introduced by Governor Cox, has eliminated waste and saved to the people of the state in one year the sum of $946,623, nearly a million dollars.

It is now being generally understood that a state or a city without a budget is sure to be wasteful to the last degree. Department heads must now submit their estimates of needs before November 15 of each year; analysis of these estimates is made by the Budget Commission and are reported with recommendations to the legislature and a careful check placed on expenditure.

Reform in the State Treasury. There was a time when if the public asked what the income of the state was and where it went they were told it was none of their business. Not so under the new regime brought about by Governor Cox. The story is a long one but the gist of it is that the state treasurer makes out a daily balance, just as a bookkeeper does, which is reported to the state auditor and posted in the executive office for perusal by the public. A question which all tax-payers have a right to ask is "Are we living within our means?" This question answers itself when a complete report of all disbursements and income is on file for the benefit of all who are concerned.

Improvement in Rural Schools. Ohio has been backward in the conduct of her country schools. When Governor Cox was inaugurated in January, 1913, one of the first things he took hold of was the question of the rural schools. He had attended a country school himself when a boy and he knew how far they fell short of what the people needed. So he ordered a careful survey. When the legislature met in 1914 it had presented to it one of the most remarkable reports on education that this or any other nation had produced. It covered nearly four hundred pages. Prominent school men are known to have characterized the revelations as "appalling." The several hundred impartial men and women who had volunteered their services to spend days at a time in country school rooms reported an amount of ignorant methods, old-fashioned instruction, inefficient discipline and unsanitary arrangements that together constituted nothing less than a disgrace to the state of Ohio. To no other set of findings did the Governor give more attention than to this report of the School commission. Frequent public hearings were given with the result that a complete reorganization of the rural school system was made and about twelve necessary measures were enacted into law. The Bureau of Education of the U. S. at Washington said of the Ohio School survey and the resulting laws: "It is doubtful if there has ever been a more constructive and progressive school legislation enacted by a single session of the Legislature in any other state within the last half century."

Agriculture. It has been told that Governor Cox was a country bred boy. This may account for his interest in agriculture. under the new regime the following departments of state work for the benefit of farmers are being carried on:

(1) The College of Agriculture.
(2) The Experiment Station at Wooster.
(3) The Dairy and Food Department.
(4) The State Department of Agriculture.
(5) The Live Stock Department.
(6) The Fish and Game Bureau.
(7) The County Experiment Farms.
(8) The Bureau of Inspection of Feeds and Fertilizers.
(9) The Bureau of Farmer Institutes and Extension Work.
(10) The Inspection Work of the State Pharmacy Board.
(11) The Bureau of Orchard and Nursery Inspection.
(12) The Division of Junior Contest Work.
(13) The Ohio State Fair.
(14) The Bureau of County Fair Exhibits.
(15) The State Crop Reporting Service.
(16) The Bureau of Weights and Measures.

It needs but the mention of all these activities to prove the benefit to the farmer. They deal with such important matters as hog cholera, worn out orchards, soil analysis, the distribution of seeds, poultry diseases. Over 2,000 young men came under the influence of this department the first year it was organized. Seventy-two thousand farmers are in close touch with it. The Agriculture Commission works in collaboration with teachers, ministers, bankers, Chambers of Commerce, grain dealers, canneries, dairymen, farmer clubs, teachers' institutes, rural mail carriers and many manufacturers. Community centers have been established, lectures, entertainments and musicales, stereopticon views, the moving picture film and the phonograph all bring to the dweller in rural communities the advantages which formerly were only enjoyed by the city dweller.

Care of Wards of the State. No public measure appealed more to Governor Cox than the care which the state owes to its dependent children. First and most important is the establishment of Juvenile Delinquent Research Bureau by means of which accurate information is had of the physical and mental defects presented by each ward, the hereditary and environmental influences which have contributed to it and the end achieved of training that child to good citizenship. Large attention is given to prevention of delinquency and an effort always made to so deal with both prisoners and delinquents in a manner to bring about their reformation and protect the community from their continued misdeeds.

The wards which for many years have been cared for by the state are prisoners in the penitentiary, the deaf, the blind, the epileptic and the insane. Twenty thousand of these delinquents are housed in the various homes, hospitals and prisons throughout the state.

Pension for Widows. Nothing else accomplished by Governor Cox in his administration has been of wider significance or

borne better fruit than the law which makes it possible for widowed mothers to keep the home intact and rear their children under proper conditions. What is called the "Mothers' Pension Law" was passed April 28, 1913, but it did not go into effect until August. Few states had such an act and Ohio was as usual to the front. Funds not being immediately available Governor Cox in January, 1914, requested that an act should be passed making it possible to use moneys not otherwise needed, for the purpose of creating a special fund, thus cutting red tape and helping the mothers to keep the family together. There has also been formed a Child Placing bureau, which discovers the homeless child, finds a home for him in a private family, and avoids the stigma of institutional life.

Improvement in the Penitentiary. A new prison policy introduced under Governor Harmon had resulted in the creation of a Board of Administration which worked very well and had been in operation several years before Governor Cox came to Columbus. But there were, nevertheless, several features of the State prison which seemed to need correction. A law had been passed doing away with the convict contract system under which prisoners were farmed out to manufacturing concerns. It was a fine measure but it left the men unemployed. The services of one of the best industrial engineers in the world were procured. He chanced to be a man of wealth who could afford to work for the state, and his enthusiasm in the service of prison reform held him to the state. Departments were established for the making of shoes, blankets, soap, bedding, mattresses, clothing and, in fact, most of the essentials used by the other state institutions and by county institutions such as children's homes and infirmaries as well.

Under the present plan the men are employed. Many of them are taught useful trades, and during good behavior they are credited with so much money per day of labor. This fund goes to their family at home. If there is no family, and the man gains his pardon, either by expiration of term or through clemency granted by the state, then he has a sum to his credit which permits him to be more or less independent at the outset of his new life made possible by his liberty.

A school was established and this has particularly been useful to the foreigner. During his present term Governor Cox has pardoned men who were incarcerated in his first term six years ago, at which time they could neither read nor write. They have been made over.

The Board of Clemency. Another thing that has meant much to the prison is the newly established Board of Clemency. Under the old order lawyers were employed by prisoners to present their cases to the Board of Pardons. Influence, political or otherwise, was too often a factor in favorable action granted. Now it is unnecessary for any prisoner to employ a lawyer. The Board of Clemency has its office at the prison. It also visits the other state institutions such as the prison farm at London and the reformatory at Mansfield. The prisoners, as a result, are under the eye of the board and any disposition toward reformation is seen.

Under the system of paroles, where a man is free as long as he behaves himself, many an unfortunate fellow has been made over. The prison farm was a departure looked upon with great interest all over the country, because Ohio led the way. "Trusties," that is, prisoners who showed themselves worthy of confidence, were put to work on the farm. A vegetable garden of over 100 acres was maintained in 1919. A dairy supplying 600 gallons of milk a day was operated, and the output from the farm contributed in other ways to the needs of the state institutions.

In addition, lands were leased and in some instances purchased, adjacent to the insane asylums. The new policy was based upon the theory that these unfortunates were not only able to render service to the state of a reasonable kind, and desirous of doing it, but their employment in the open often led to their physical and then their mental recovery. Where the state in the past used to buy canned vegetables, beans, potatoes, butter, milk and other table necessities, it is practically all produced now by the state; and the practical consequence of this system carries with it at the same time a distinct psychological change in the spirit and morale of every institution.

It is but fair to state that if New York, which is so near to the eye of the public, had done what Ohio has accomplished in the way of prison reform, it would have been heralded all over the world. Students of the subject of correction in public institutions are coming to this state from all over the country and commendation follows every visit.

Good Roads. The improvement of highways from the broad state perspective was not possible in the old days. Counties were left to their own devices to build up roads, the result was confusion. Common sense dictated the laying down of the map of the state and the establishment of thoroughfares running from boundary to boundary. Once this is accomplished lesser thoroughfares could easily be put in. Governor Cox recommended the half mill levy and held a Good Roads Congress when the legislature was in session, as a matter of education. This was the beginning of it all, and in a very few years the results of this basic plan will be evident in every county. Besides all these measures of advancement Governor Cox has been instrumental in conserving public parks, in the protection of depositors in banks, protection of the people through the enforcement of the "Blue-Sky Law," protection and inspection of building and loan associations, censorship of motion pictures, preservation of the forests, and prohibition of combinations to fix food prices.

In all these measures it goes without saying that from first to last Governor Cox has run up against the prejudices of privilege. A successful business man himself he was intent upon protecting the large vested interests of the state just as he was insistent that those interests should exist to serve the people. His program of sweeping reforms carried out with the tenacity of a bulldog, lost him his second term, but he gained it later on. In the end the people generally appreciate impartial justice when carried out with economy.

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William Hatfield Crume. One of the most important manufacturing industries connected with the development of various communities is that which has to do with the manufacture of those commodities necessary to the building trades. Among these supplies are sand-lime building brick and concrete roofing tile, which are manufactured by the Crume Brick company of Dayton, an enterprise the life of which has spanned but ten years, but which during this period has assumed the position of a necessary community asset. Since its establishment, the policy of this firm has been directed and regulated by William Hatfield Crume, in the capacity of president, and much of its success is due to his ability, foresight and energetic handling of matters of importance. Mr. Crume is a native son of Dayton, although much of his business career has been passed in other communities than that of his nativity. He was born February 10, 1876, his father having been the late William E. Crume, who, prior to his death, was known favorably in business circles of Dayton and elsewhere and who left to his children the heritage of an honored name. William Hatfield Crume was given excellent opportunities of an educational character, first attending the Dayton public schools, later the Michigan Military academy, at Orchard Lake, Mich., and finally the Stevens Institute of Technology, at Hoboken, N. J. Before he could settle down definitely to business affairs, Mr. Crume had a military experience, for which his training had well fitted him. The Spanish-American war came on, and he enlisted in Troop F, First Ohio Cavalry, as a private. He served until the close of hostilities between the two countries, and was honorably discharged and mustered out of the service, although not until he had won his first sergeant's stripes. Returning to Dayton with an honorable record, he decided upon further preparation for a business career, and accordingly pursued a course at Wilt's Commercial college. Feeling that he had sufficient training to enable him to hold his own in the struggles of the business world, Mr. Crume embarked in the chemical business as a manager, at Saginaw, Mich. During the four years that he was thus employed, he became interested in the brick business, in which he was able to discern great possibilities, and eventually took up that business as his own at Saginaw. Later he went to Moline, Ill., as manager of the Tri-City Sandstone Brick company, where he remained four years, and then bought his present business, which he brought to Dayton. The Crume Brick company was established in February, 1909, by the following officials: W. H. Crume, president; J. V. Lytle, vice-president; R. A. Crume, secretary; and Ray Kiser, superintendent. It is incorporated at $50,000, and employs forty people in the manufacture of sand-lime building brick and concrete roofing tile, its brick capacity being 15,000,000 per year, and its tile capacity 1,250,000 annually. The plant is located at Miller's Ford, on Cincinnati street, where the company has its own trackage, etc., on the C., C., C. & St. L. railway, and the output is handled from the office in the United Brethren building, Dayton, rooms 800-801. Mr. Crume is one of the best known men in the

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building supplies trade, and the high confidence in which he is held by his associates is evidenced by the fact that for the past three years he has been president of the Sand-Lime Brick association of the United States and Canada. He is a member of the Bicycle and Rotary clubs, and has always been a public-spirited supporter of good civic movements.

Levitt Ellsworth Custer, D. D. S. The claim of Dr. Levitt Ellsworth Custer to a position of prominence among the dental practitioners of Dayton rests not only upon his acquirements as an active and skilled follower of his calling, but upon inventive genius that has enabled him to contribute to his profession some of the most ingenious instruments which are used in modern dental surgery. In addition he is a writer of recognized talent and authority upon professional and scientific subjects and the modern trend of his participation in life's activities is found in the fact that in recent years he has become interested actively in the subject of aeronautics and is an enthusiastic balloonist. Doctor Custer was born June 18, 1862, at Perrysville, Carroll county, Ohio, a son of Dr. Isaac Newton and Arbina (Fisher) Custer. His father, a practicing dentist, removed with his family to New Philadelphia, Ohio, when Levitt E. was but six years old and there he attended school until 1870 when the family home was changed to Westerville, Ohio, at which place the youth's graded school work was completed. It was the wish of Doctor Custer to enter his father's profession, and the lack of funds for the securing of a collegiate education did not swerve him from his path, as he set out to earn the means therefor himself. In 1878 and 1879 he played with the River Circus band, from Cincinnati to New Orleans, and from his salary saved sufficient money to make his start as a student at Otterbein university. During his summer vacations he worked on a farm, acted as a book agent, and accepted such other honorable employment as came to hand, and in this way was able to work his way through college, from which he was duly graduated June 12, 1884. During this time he worked also for the town jeweler and in his father's dental office, where he assisted in some of the laboratory work. After his graduation from Otterbein, he taught music and regular school at the Boys' Industrial School at Lancaster, Ohio, until September, 1885, when he entered the Ohio College of Dental Surgery. At the close of his junior year a written examination was required of the students for the first time, and his paper pleased the faculty to such an extent that he was presented with a scholarship for the next year. This inaugurated the custom of giving a junior prize for the best general examination and one for the best attainments. At graduation, Doctor Custer was given first honorable mention in operative dentistry and also received two medals of gold, one for the best general examination and one for the best attainments in mechanical dentistry. Following his graduation, March 7, 1887, Doctor Custer practiced for six months at Springfield, Ohio, and then located at Dayton, where he has continued in practice to the present time, with a clientele that has grown steadily in size and importance and a reputation that has increased each year. During his spare

moments he made an electric engine and other appliances which he is still using. Doctor Custer is a member of the Ohio State Dental Society and of the National Dental association. He received the degree of Master of Arts at Otterbein in 1907. From 1889 to 1894 he was a member of the Ohio State Board of Dental Examiners, and in 1892 was president of the Mississippi Valley Dental society and lecturer on dental electricity in the Ohio College of Dental Surgeons. In 1896 he was president of the Ohio State Dental society. He is a member of the New York Institute of Stomatology, member and treasurer of the Roentgen Ray society of the United States, honorary member of the Kansas State Dental society and the St. Louis Society of Dental Science and corresponding member of the Illinois State Dental society. His hobbies and fads outside of his profession include ballooning, hunting and electricity. Of late years he has taken up aeronautics as a recreation, has taken fourteen balloon trips, and at present owns his own balloon. He has devoted his inventive genius to developing and applying electricity to dental surgery, and his electrical library contains all the books upon that subject published up to 1905. He has given the profession the first electric oven, the first electric gold annealer, the first electric cabinet, the first electric method of fusing platinum and the first electric match, as well as an electric engine, a right-angled handpiece, a celluloid and chamois disc (which were bought from him by the S. S. White company, and for which he received a small financial reward), an electric warm water device, an automatic warm air device, an electric casting device, an interrupter for X-Ray, and a wireless method of controlling torpedoes and balloons. He has been a voluminous contributor to leading scientific publications, and is the author of some fifty professional writings. June 28, 1887, Doctor Custer was united in marriage with Miss Effie J. Zimmerman, of Springfield, Ohio, and to this union there has been born one son: Levitt Luzerne.

Rev. Michael Cybulski. Although Father Cybulski, pastor of Holy Cross Catholic church (Lithuanian) of Dayton, has been known to the people of this city for but a short period, he has already impressed the community with his unselfish and zealous work in the cause he serves, and has given evidence of the possession of qualities which must assuredly call forth general admiration, even from those who differ most radically from him theologically and politically. Father Cybulski was born at Sumieliszki, Vilno State, Lithuania, November 2, 1885, and is a son of Joseph and Helen (Czerniukas) Cybulski. His early education was acquired in private schools in his native land, following which he attended Seiny seminary, and in 1908 he first came to the United States, locating at Detroit, Mich., and in 1910 he enrolled as a student at St. Mary's seminary. When his course there was completed he went to Freiburg, Switzerland, completing his theological studies in the famous university there, and was ordained into the priesthood of the Catholic church March 20, 1915. Almost immediately thereafter, Father Cybulski returned to the United States and took a charge at Sioux City, Iowa, as pastor of the new St. Casimir church, where he organized a parish and built a

church, remaining until October, 1917, at that time locating at Dayton as pastor of Holy Cross church. This parish was organized in 1909, and the Rev. Joseph Cricius was the first pastor, officiating until succeeded by Father Cybulski. The church property consists of eight lots at the corner of Leo and Lucas streets, and the parochial school was erected in 1915 at a cost of $17,000. There are 140 families in the parish and the church services are held in the basement of the school building, although it is felt that a church edifice will be erected in the not far distant future. Toward this day the energetic young priest, Father Cybulski, is eagerly looking. As before noted, he has already made a decidedly favorable impression. His sincere piety, his intense moral earnestness, his great industry, his kindliness and his spirit of tolerance should go far, not alone to make him beloved by his flock and prosperous in the affairs of his parish, but to gain him the good will and assistance of those of other creeds, without which no priest feels he has achieved the fullness of success.

Bert L. Daily. In preparing a biographical review of the business men of Dayton whose lives have been devoted to persistent effort and who by sheer pluck and ability of a high order have battered down the obstacles which ever appear in the path of the ambitious and risen to a position of substantial preferment, the record of Bert L. Daily, mail order dealer in brushes and supplies for sign painters, is one that compels more than passing attention. Mr. Daily is one of the men who essentially belong to the men of action of Dayton, and that he has not overlooked his opportunities is clearly shown in what he has accomplished. He was born at Eaton, Preble county, Ohio, September 12, 1883, a son of Lafayette and Florence (Calenberger) Daily, the former a native of Preble county and now an artist of Dayton. Bert L. Daily received his education in the public schools of Camden, Ohio, and in 1901, as a youth of eighteen years, came to Dayton and secured employment with the Boesch Dry Goods company. He had inherited some of his father's artistic ability, along with an inclination for that kind of work, and in line with his duties was assigned to do some card lettering for use in the store. His ability in this direction attracted the management of the firm of Elder & Johnson, which concern he joined in the capacity of sign card writer and window dresser, and after eight years thus spent, embarked in an enterprise of his own, as an advertising card writer. He maintained offices in the Rauh building and built up a good business, but was not satisfied with his success, realizing that there were greater possibilities than those which he had yet broached. In 1912 he started out in his present line, as a mail order house, dealing in all kinds of brushes and supplies used by card writers, window dressers and in the advertising business. His present location is in a modern plant on the fourth floor at No. 24 Jefferson street, where he employs seven people, in addition to which he keeps a traveling salesman constantly on the road. The position which Mr. Daily occupies in the mail order business of Dayton is well known, and under his progressive policy rapid growth has been the dominant feature of the business. Resulting from a spirit of enterprise that

is evidenced through new ideas and modern methods, the venture has flourished and today is classed with the most substantial and reliable in its line at Dayton. Mr. Daily is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Y. M. C. A. and the Kewanis club, and he and Mrs. Daily belong to Grace Methodist Episcopal church. October 18, 1907, Mr. Daily married Mabel, daughter of Rufus and Mary Alley, of Dayton, and they are the parents of two children: Robert E. and Ruth Mary, both attending the Dayton public schools.

Hon. Charles W. Dale. One of the widely known members of the legal fraternity of the Miami valley and former police judge of Dayton, Hon. Charles W. Dale, has been a member of the Montgomery county bench and bar for a period of thirty-five years. During this time he has established a record of more than ordinary importance. He is a man of varied talents which he has exercised for the good of his community and not only has been a prominent figure in many of the legal controversies, in which he displayed remarkable judgment and unerring ability in the solution of many legal complexities, but has won singular distinction in his judicial capacity and as a writer upon subjects connected with his profession. Judge Dale was born at Germantown, Ohio, September 13, 1862. He came of an honorable family which, however, was in straitened financial circumstances during his youth and he was denied many of the ordinary advantages which youth considers its due. Even an ordinary education was hard for him to secure, but he was ambitious and determined, and exercised his industry during the summer months in working at whatever honest employment presented itself, thus being enabled to attend the public schools during the winter terms. In this manner he gained a high school education, being graduated from high school at his native place when he was seventeen years of age. Still a hard path lay before him. He had determined upon the law as his life work, but again he was handicapped by lack of financial resources and it was necessary that he pass through a long probationary period, during which, however, he never once lost sight of his goal or wavered in his original determination. Like many youths of such ambitions, he turned his attention to teaching as a means of livelihood, and for five years instructed the children of Germantown and Ellerton, Montgomery county, in the rudiments of education. With money saved from his small earnings he was able, with much difficulty, to give himself a course in a law school and the University of Cincinnati, from which latter he was graduated in 1883. He at once centered his activities at Dayton, where he began active practice on his own account, and has so continued to the present time with the exception of those periods when he was acting in official or judicial capacities. He has gained an acknowledged position among the leaders of the bar of the Miami Valley, and has likewise won a firm place in the friendship, esteem and confidence of the general public as well as his fellow-members of the bench and bar of the state. During the term of office of Mayor Crawford, he served as clerk. In March, 1892, he was nominated on the Republican ticket for the post of judge of the police court of Dayton, and was elected

by a handsome majority to that office, in which he served efficiently, conscientiously and with rare judicial balance. In 1906 he was elected judge of probate, serving one term (3 years). Judge Dale has force and talent as a writer and has been a prolific contributor to some of the leading periodicals, in addition to which he is the author and compiler of an authoritative volume known as "Familiar Laws." In 1898 he married Miss Blanche Baker of Dayton and they have one child, John W., aged twelve years.

Benjamin George Danis. The growth of the various operations of the Danis-Hunt Construction company has had a natural bearing upon the development of Dayton's resources in general, as well as upon the commercial and industrial advancement of the city, because of the tremendous amount of business transacted by this concern in contributing to the city's up-building. As secretary and general manager of this company, Benjamin George Danis has played a conspicuous part during recent years in assisting Dayton to add to its prestige, and in so doing has advanced his own name to prominence as a substantial business man and a valuable citizen. Mr. Danis was born at Pittsfield, Mass., August 7, 1884, and there secured his primary education in the public schools. Later he took a course at Cornell university, Ithaca, N. Y., from which institution he was graduated in 1909 with the degree of Civil Engineer, and almost immediately took up his residence at New York City, where he entered the services of the Otis Elevator company. Later he held positions of importance with the General Electric company of Pittsfield, Mass., and A. Bentley & Sons, at Dayton, and in 1916 became one of the founders of the Danis-Hunt Construction company, which was incorporated for $50,000 during that year, with the following officials: H. A. Kesler, president; R. F. Hunt, vice-president, and B. G. Danis, secretary and manager. The yards and plant of this concern are located at First and Webb streets, and are completely equipped to do a general building construction business. The scope and importance of the operations of this company may be seen by the following structures erected by it: The Dayton Wright Airplane plant, Smith Gas Engineering plant, Studebaker garage on West Third street, Dicks-Pontius plant on Wayne avenue, F. D. Beaver factory building on East Second street, Dayton Theater, Engineers' club, Citizens' Motor Car garage, City of Dayton Low Pressure Reservoir, Miami Conservatory annex, Premium Rubber company plant, E. A. Deeds mausoleum, club house of the Miami Valley Golf club, W. A. Keyes mercantile building on Norh Main street, addition to the Y. W. C. A. building, Gem City Building and Loan company building, Hagerman garage on East Second street, Victoria Theater and the coal tipple for Hoeffler & Hoeffler. This company also erected the Domestic Foundry building at Moraine City, the Remy Electric manufacturing plant at Anderson City, Ind., and the Hobart Manufacturing company's plant at Troy, Ohio. Mr. Danis' capacity for close application and unremitting industry, combined with his executive and general business ability, has made him a forceful factor in the busy life of his city. The company which he so honorably and efficiently represents has an excellent standing in business

circles, and this prestige has been largely built up through his unfailing devotion to a high standard of business ethics. He is a valued member of the Engineers' club, is popular with his fellow members in the Knights of Columbus, and with his family belongs to St. Agnes' Catholic church. September 29, 1913, Mr. Danis was united in marriage with Grace E., daughter of Charles Bunce, of Pittsfield, Mass., and they have two children: Charles W. and Mary Elizabeth.

Frank E. Dano, D. D. S. The dental profession of Dayton has a skilled and honorable representative in Frank E. Dano, D. D. S., who has passed his entire professional career at Dayton, of which city he has been a resident since 1901. In adopting a calling which calls for the highest skill, learning and close application, he brought to it an enthusiasm which has not waned, but has rather increased, with the passing of the years and in its practice has adhered to the highest ethics. He is a native of Oswego, N. Y., born August 21, 1869, and secured his early education in the public schools of Watertown, that state. Accompanying his parents to San Francisco, Cal., he also attended school there, as he did also at Denver, Colo., and in the latter city decided upon a career as a dental practitioner and entered the Colorado College of Dental Surgery. While there he became a member of the Psi Omega college dental fraternity. Graduated with the class of 1901, he immediately came to Dayton, where he has since continued in general practice, and at this time maintains offices at No. 500 Fidelity Medical building. He is accounted a skilled and highly proficient operator, a close and thorough student and a man of genuine sympathy and kind-heartedness. As a result, he has attained a large and representative practice and has reached a high place in his calling. He is a member of the Miami Valley Dental society of which he was secretary for five years and the National Dental association. Doctor Dano married Miss Frances Coate of West Milton, Ohio, and they are the parents of three children: A. Clarence, Juanita Frances and Leslie Edmund, all of whom reside with their parents.

Joseph Dart, Jr. A contribution of the Empire state to Dayton, Joseph Dart, Jr., was born at Buffalo, August 1, 1884, a son of Joseph and Eliza Peirce (Davies) Dart, and a grandson of Samuel W. Davies of this city. He was graduated from Yale university with the class of 1906 and the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and was variously employed until 1915, when he became secretary of the Duriron Castings company. This concern, which was capitalized at $300,000, was established in 1912 for the manufacture of acid-proof apparatus, and at the start employed fifteen people. How rapid has been its growth is evidenced in the fact that today in its immense plant, which covers approximately 200,000 square feet of floor space, 900 people are given employment, the product of this company being acid-proof, rust-proof and alkali-proof material. The manufactured articles include all kinds of systems for chemical processes, standard line pumps, fans, valves, cocks, pipe and fittings, and special castings from special patterns from customers. Chicago, New York and San Francisco offices are now maintained and the product of this company is known all over

the United States, in addition to maintaining a good foreign demand. The officers are: P. D. Schenck, president; J. P. Pitman, vice-president; W. E. Hall, treasurer, and J. Dart, Jr., secretary. Mr. Dart has a number of civic and business connections, and is a member of the Buz Fuz and Country clubs of Dayton.

Joseph Peirce Davies was born October 9, 1842, in Dayton, Ohio, and lived continuously in Dayton during his life of sixty-eight years. He was educated in the city schools and at Miami university where he nearly completed his course when the Civil war broke out and he entered the service as lieutenant in a Maryland cavalry regiment. His command was in the Red River campaign in Texas, when in a skirmish he was captured and was held a prisoner for about six months. He afterwards served as aide-de-camp on the staff of Maj.-Gen. Thomas J. Wood. After the war he entered into business with an uncle in Dayton, later bought the entire interest and continued it until his death. His surviving relatives are his wife, Louie Phillips Davies, his son, J. P. Davies, Jr., and a daughter, Mrs. W. M. Greenwood of Middletown, N. J. He was a quiet, reserved man, devoted to his friends and taking no part in public affairs, but of decided character. His illness was continuous for four years past, but he endured it with great patience and courage. He died September 25, 1910.

Albert Davis. In the steady and continued progress that has marked his rise from the position of Western Union messenger boy to that of the head of one of the important manufacturing and commercial firms of Dayton, Albert Davis has exemplified the possession of all of the qualities which contribute to self-made manhood. Industry, belief in self, steady determination and the following out of honorable policies and principles have guided him in his climb to position and material independence. Mr. Davis was born at Oxford, Ohio, November 24, 1879. When he was a lad his parents moved to Germantown, Ohio, where he began his education and subsequently, upon the family's removal to Dayton, the youth went to the public schools here. The family being in modest circumstances, it was not possible for him to receive an advanced education, and being ambitious and industrious he started out to become self-supporting. His first position was as a messenger boy with the Western Union Telegraph company. Unlike many of the boys who worked in such a capacity, he did not waste his spare time, but accepted the opportunity offered to learn telegraphy, and in due time was made an operator. Subsequently a better opening occurred and he associated himself with W. W. Kile, with whom he remained until he was ready to embark in business on his own account. In 1907, accordingly, was established the business known as the Davis & Sherer company, a partnership between Albert Davis and Archie Sherer, to handle office fixtures and furniture and steel shop equipment. Under the capable and energetic management of the proprietors the business proved a success from the start, and after four years of successful operation was incorporated May 12, 1911, for $5,000, with Albert Davis as president, and Archie Sherer, secretary and treasurer, the business at that time being located at No. 208 S. Ludlow street. In February, 1913, the capital

of the company was increased to $15,000 and later increased to $50,000, its present figure, with the same officers, and the establishment is at this time located at No. 113 S. Ludlow street. In 1915 the firm decided upon a radical innovation, this being a venture in manufacturing some of the goods handled. After two years of experiment this was voted a success, and in 1917 the company built its own factory and warehouse at Nos. 20 and 22 Shaume street. The company now employs twenty-two people, and six traveling salesmen cover a territory including the communities within a fifty-mile radius of Dayton. The product of the concern has found a healthy and constantly growing market, and the honorable policies of the Davis & Sherer company have gained for it an excellent reputation and standing in business circles. Mr. Davis is a well-known figure in business men's organizations, belonging to the Builders' Exchange, the Chamber of Commerce and the Credit Men's association. He belongs also to the Triangle club and the Iola Lodge of the K. P.

Roy H. Davis, M. D. Several years of daily contact with the people of Dayton in the capacity of physician and surgeon have established for Dr. Roy H. Davis a reputation for ability, resource and unflagging industry. He is one of the captains of success who have piloted their own craft to harbor. In his activities of experience he has served both as educator and practitioner of medicine, and out of all his struggles as steps in his advancement has evolved the belief that hard work rarely injures one and that merit eventually receives its just reward. Doctor Davis was born at Hamersville, Brown county, Ohio, and is a son of Thomas H. Davis. He received his early education in the schools of Russellville, Ohio, and his first employment when he entered upon his own career was that in the schoolroom instructing the young as a teacher. However, he had mapped out for himself a different profession, and after several years of work in instructing the youthful mind in the rural schools, he took up the real business of his life and applied himself to his medical books. After some further preparation he entered Miami university, at Oxford, Ohio, and upon the completion of his course in that institution became a student at the Miami Medical college, Cincinnati. Later he attended the medical department of the University of Louisville, and finally entered upon the last phase of his class-room work in the medical department of the University of Cincinnati, where he received the degree of M. D. as a graduate of the class of 1912. His interneship was experienced at Christ hospital, where he remained one year, and when this was completed he accepted an offer from the Mining and Railway company, of Hanna, Wyo., feeling that this would give him the kind of practical experience that would be necessary in his work. He served as surgeon for this concern for about one year, and then resigned and returned to Ohio, this time to settle as a permanent resident of Dayton, which city has continued to be his headquarters to the present time. For a time he practiced alone, and then joined Dr. C. A. Coleman, who has since been his partner. Doctor Davis makes a specialty of genito-urinary cases. His well-appointed suite of offices is located in the Reibold building. Doctor Davis

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has continued to be a close and careful student, keeping fully abreast of the various advancements being made in medicine and surgery, and perfecting himself in every way that may add to his ability to be of service to suffering humanity. He holds membership in the various organizations of his calling, including the Montgomery County Medical society, the Ohio State Medical society and the American Medical association, and has an excellent reputation among his fellow-practitioners as one who closely adheres to the ethics of the profession. Likewise he has won the confidence of the community, a valuable asset indeed and one which assures a continuation of his present prosperity. His fraternal affiliation is with the Masonic order, and his religious connection with the Methodist Episcopal church. He also is identified with several civic bodies and his social connections are numerous. He was married January 22, 1919, to Miss Marie Smyers of Dayton.

Edward A. Deeds. In the fall of 1897 there came into the city of Dayton a young man destined to leave the impress of his personality and work upon the future history of the Miami valley. His father, Charles Deeds, shepherded sheep on the hills of Licking county, Ohio, where the lad, Edward A. Deeds, was born and reared. That county was famous for its merino sheep and shorthorn cattle, but more celebrated as the seat of Denison university, located at Granville, Ohio. Young Deeds took to books and mechanics more naturally than to sheep and cattle. He ran races over the country road with traction engines rather than with horses. A wise father permitted him to map out his own future. Possessed of a certificate to teach school at the early age of fourteen years, he earned some money at that vocation and entered the preparatory department of the university in the fall of 1891. He earned his own way largely as engineer of the heating plant and graduated therefrom with the degree of Bachelor of Science in June of 1897. Under the tutelage of Prof. A. D. Cole, then professor of physics at Denison, Deeds had studied as deeply as he might along the lines of electrical engineering and following his graduation spent the summer at Cornell university in special studies along that same line.

Mr. E. M. Thresher, the president of the Thresher Electric company, of Dayton, Ohio, was a prominent member of the board of trustees at Denison. How natural that he should be attracted to the young electrician and invite him to a place with the Thresher Electric company! Providence opens the gates and points the way. Success or failure depends upon the individual. Young Deeds was tall, broad shouldered, alert of movement, endowed by nature with a clear, blue eye and a ruddy complexion, all of which bespoke physical strength and endurance and indicated perfect health. Then as now he was possessed of a genial disposition that won him friends, and an indomitable will that surmounted difficulties. Content to master the task at hand, however menial, yet ambitious to seize every opportunity for advancement, promotion was swift and certain. In two and a half years' service with the Thresher Electric company he gained a valuable experience and demonstrated the diversity of his talents. He was equally at home in wiring a dynamo, superintending the shop work or engineering and super-

vising the erection of a power plant. His resourceful work there attracted the attention of those in charge of the affairs of the National Cash Register company, and in 1900 he accepted a position with them as an electrical engineer. The more difficult the task, the more it aroused his interest and stirred his enthusiasm in these earlier years and so the tall smoke stacks, the new power house, and the electrification of the plant at the National Cash Register company remain as monuments of his engineering skill and supervising ability in construction.

In 1902 he was called upon to plan, build and equip the buildings of the Shredded Wheat company at Niagara Falls, N. Y., a task which occupied his attention for over two years. This beautiful plant, the mecca of thousands of visitors every year, stands as another such monument to his engineering skill and ability. Upon the completion of this work he returned to the National Cash Register company as vice-president in charge of engineering and production. Here he remained with enlarging powers and responsibilities through the years until he became assistant general manager of that great company, a position he held until his resignation in 1914, when it became necessary for him to devote his entire time and attention, along with Mr. Kettering, to the rapidly growing business of the Delco company. The training and experience obtained at the National Cash Register company proved of invaluable assistance to him in later years. It is said that Mr. John H. Patterson, the president and general manager of that company, with his genius for organization and his keen business foresight, has trained and developed more young men for the successful handling of large business affairs than any man in this country, with the possible exception of the late Andrew Carnegie. Responsibility sobers and develops young men. Not all of them will accept the responsibility. In the twelve years of his connection with that world-famous factory, whether the responsibility was building a smoke stack or power house, adjusting a labor trouble or helping defend an unjust law suit against the company, the records will show that Deeds never shirked the responsibility, but did his duty faithfully. He has always gratefully acknowledged his indebtedness to the training received at that institution.

The work of the Delco company had already commanded the attention of automobile men everywhere and forced recognition of the merits of its manufactured products. Mr. Deeds had been the president of the company since its organization and in touch with its work and so swung naturally into the general direction of its business affairs. He it was, who, in 1916, engineered the successful sale of that company's assets to the United Motors Corporation of New York, at a handsome profit to Delco's owners. He became also the president of the Domestic Engineering company, manufacturers of Delco light plants; president of the Smith Gas Engineering company, manufacturers of gas producers; president of the Domestic Building company, a corporation formed for the development of manufacturing sites at Moraine City. With Adam Schantz and Mr. Kettering he was a large stockholder in the Moraine Development company, organized for the development of Moraine City, south

of Dayton, and with Colonel Talbott and Mr. Kettering was originally a large stockholder in the Dayton Metal Products company. Thus the young man of twenty years ago who came to the city possessed of a sound physique, good habits, a liberal education, and the courage and determination to do something, despite the lack of money and influential friends, has won both in abundance and has won for himself, also, an enviable position in the business and manufacturing world. Faithful to duty every day, loyal to those whom he served, honest of purpose, generous-hearted and just in his dealings with his fellow-men, courageous in action, cheerful and kindly of disposition, trusting and believing that the right will finally prevail in all things, Mr. Deeds has held the confidence, respect and esteem of employer and employee alike. This he counts today his greatest possession.

Mr. Deeds has accomplished other things besides acquiring wealth and fame in the manufacturing world. Three of these things, at least, the historian of the future will record: First, his part in the work for Dayton and the Miami valley connected with the great flood of 1913. At the time of the disaster, he did what practically every other citizen of Dayton did, viz.: contributed all of his time and liberally of his means until the city was restored to habitable conditions. It was the service following the flood that will give his name a place on the honor roll. Standing upon the wreckage left by the receding waters, he was one of the first to look into the future and to begin then and there to plan for the prevention of a recurrence of the disaster. Some great engineer should be able to make such a plan, he reasoned. Through Mr. Walter Kidder and Gaylord Cummin, Mr. Arthur E. Morgan, recognized as one of the greatest hydraulic engineers in this country, was located at Memphis, Tenn., where he was working out some similar problems of the Mississippi river. Mr. Deeds got into immediate telephone communication with Mr. Morgan with the result that within two days he arrived in Dayton for a conference. Out of that conference came his employment. The flood prevention committee was formed and Mr. Deeds became its vice-chairman, with the active duties of the chairmanship resting upon him. By automobile, on horseback and on foot a thorough examination of the Miami valley was made by Messrs. Deeds & Morgan from the Ohio river on the south to Bellefontaine, Ohio, on the north, the watershed whence flow the rivers of the valley. Complete surveys were made in every direction. Out of these observations and surveys with such engineers as Prof. S. M. Woodward of Iowa State college, John V. Alvord of Chicago, and Prof. Daniel W. Mead of Wisconsin university, assisting Mr. Morgan, the present plan of flood protection for the valley was formulated. It was not adopted, however, before another corps of engineers had been employed to make a separate examination and report. Among these might be named Brigadier-General Chittenden, of Seattle, Wash., and Ernst, of Washington, D. C., noted army engineers; Ockerson, of St. Louis, a member of the Mississippi river commission, and Fuertes, a hydraulic engineer of New York; Knowles, of Pittsburg, Pa., the engineer of the Pitts Flood commission, and Jaycox, of Denver,

Colo., the famous builder of dams; Miller, of Little Rock, Ark., a great railroad engineer, and O'Brien, of Cape Girardeau, Mo., in charge of flood prevention work there. So stupendous was the task that Deeds insisted that the basic plans to be adopted should have the approval of the best engineers of the world. Then came the raising of the $2,000,000 flood prevention fund by popular subscription in which Mr. Deeds played a part, but he insists that Mr. Adam Schantz was the citizen who first appreciated the size of the task on hand and had the courage to name $2,000,000 as the amount needed and that to Mr. J. H. Patterson belongs the chief credit for raising that amount in that never-to-be-forgotten meeting of citizens at the National Cash Register company one Sunday following the flood.

Then came the framing of the conservancy law so admirably done by Hon. John A. McMahon, assisted from the engineering standpoint by Mr. Morgan and from the standpoint of finance by Judge Oakley of Chicago, with Deeds' harmonizing influence pervading the whole. Then followed the enactment of the law thus formed by the legislature, at which time Governor Cox's loyalty to the measure probably caused his defeat at the next election and Mr. Deeds made his first acquaintance with the politicians. Then followed the organization of the Miami Conservancy district under the law by the selection of Edward A. Deeds of Dayton, Gordon Rentschler of Hamilton, and Henry Allen of Troy, as its board of directors, Mr. Deeds being chairman of the board. Of the work of this board in patiently defending against litigation in all the courts of the land; in financing the proposition to the extent of $27,000,000; in letting the contracts for the work of the dams and overseeing it while it is progressing; in acquiring the necessary property by purchase and condemnation proceedings; in educating the people of the valley by personal visits, speeches, illustrated lectures, the printed page, etc., no one can form any just appreciation unless intimately connected with it. Edward W. Hanley, now deceased, the former president of the Dayton Gas company, enlisted heart and soul in the matter with Mr. Deeds and rendered most efficient assistance. There are some things that will not fade from memory. The stricken city with its wrecked homes and places of business and its helpless people during the days following that great disaster of 1913 and left its ineffacable impress upon the sympathetic heart of Mr. Deeds and has caused him to give uncomplainingly of both time and means to prevent its recurrence. So interested has he been in the matter that not only has he contributed thus liberally of his time and means, but in order that the records might be preserved and none of the work lost, he has built and presented to the district a beautiful fireproof building in the city of Dayton, at a cost to himself of over $100,000. Fault finding and complaints there may be on the part of those who do not now appreciate the nature of the work undertaken, but the time is coming when the names of the men who have been responsible for the work accomplished will be revered and honored by a grateful people.

The second thing the future historian will record of Mr. Deeds outside of his achievements in his business, is the splendid volun-

tary service rendered by him to the government during that period of the world war between April 1, 1917, and July 1, 1919: April, 1917, called to Washington by Secretary of War, before war was declared; May, 1917, appointed member of Aircraft Production board; Aug. 2, 1917, made Chief of Equipment Division, Signal Corps. Given charge of aircraft development and production and all supplies that go with it. Aug. 15, 1917, received commission as colonel in the Regular Army; June 20, 1919, received honorable discharge from the army and returned to private life.

How little of the story does the chronological record of events above noted tell? How much was in reality crowded into those two brief years? "Called to Washington," because the tremendous burdens of the great war, so far as this country was concerned, rested most heavily upon the president and the brilliant young secretary of war. The S. O. S. call sent out by the war department to the trained business men of the country, met the same ready response as the "Call to Arms," from the younger men. Edward A. Deeds was one of these volunteers from the business section of the Middle West. Forsaking his own business, in which he was eminently successful and deeply interested. Yielding up princely salaries, pleasant surroundings, leisure hours and home delights, with unselfish devotion he gave to his government the best that was in him, both of time and effort—the working hours of the day often extending far into the night. "Appointed member of Aircraft Production Board," does not reveal the fact that there were scarcely enough airplanes in this country to serve as models and these too antiquated for practical use; that no experience had been had in equipping them with guns, synchronizing devices and other instruments and paraphernalia required for purposes of war; that there were no aircraft factories worthy of the name and no aircraft engineers of note with the exception of Orville Wright, the successful inventor of airplanes; that there was an alarming scarcity of suitable material on hand, such as lumber, linen and castor oil, with which to meet the demands of the situation, and last and most important of all that this country had no standard high power engine with which to equip an airplane. "Made Chief of Equipment Division" and "Given Charge of Aircraft Development and Production" meant that Colonel Deeds must face the situation as he found it, however discouraging, and that he and his associates must immediately formulate a plan of organization for the entire work that should produce results at an early date. Imbued with the idea that airplanes in large number would prove a decisive factor in the war, Colonel Deeds accepted the responsibility and laid out a program. How spruce lumber was located in the great northwest in sufficient quantities not only for ourselves but for the allies as well, transported across land and sea and laid at their door; how through experimentation long cotton was substituted for linen; how castor beans were carried across a continent and grown in quantities sufficient to produce the needed oil; how Colonel Deeds brought together in his room at the New Willard hotel in Washington, Colonel Vincent, the Packard Motor Car company engineer, and E. J. Hall, of the Hall-Scott Motor company, of Berkeley, Cal., the

two Americans at that time considered most experienced in internal combustion engines, and overcoming all obstacles produced the design of the now famous Liberty engine—how in less than thirty days after this design was completed an engine was built and delivered in Washington; how production of the engine was carried on as if by magic, is all today a matter of history though it reads like romance.

Of the work of Colonel Deeds in connection with the production of the Liberty motor, Hon. John D. Ryan, director of the air service, in a letter addressed to the secretary of war, dated November 13, 1918, said: "I feel, as I stated in a former letter to you, that Colonel Deeds performed a great service in expediting the work on the Liberty motor. If he had followed strict regulations and kept within them in the expenditure of money for the production of the first of these model engines we would probably not have had any quantity production yet. I feel that the patriotic service rendered to the government and the sacrifice made in connection therewith by Colonel Deeds outweighed any technical violations that might have occurred, and considering the conditions under which the work had to be done, if the aircraft was to take any part in the war within a reasonable time, I think commendation instead of court-martial should be Colonel Deeds' rewards."

Major General George O. Squier, chief signal officer of the army, speaking before the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, also said: "The Liberty engine stands today as an achievement which for daring constructive imagination and farsightedness will ever be a cause of pride to the American people."

Hon. Newton D. Baker, secretary of war, at a dinner to Captain Rickenbacker at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York, made of Colonel Deeds and the Liberty engine the following complimentary statement: "There is present in this room a man who with a drawing board and a couple of pencils locked himself in a room and came out with the Liberty motor, Colonel Deeds, who walked around Washington with airplanes flying off the tips of his fingers. His imagination peopled the sky with airplanes. I want to say that he went into the aircraft program in such a way that he allowed nothing to stand in the way of the program he had set up. As a result, in the very first year of the war the Liberty motor was designed, tested, improved and placed in quantity manufacture and eleven hundred motors were produced. In the next six months eighteen thousand were produced. I make bold to say that I believe that nowhere in the history of industrial achievement is there a record equal to that."

Major General Menoher, commander of the famous Rainbow Division overseas, said: "At one time we felt that American airplanes were not coming along fast enough, but at last, on November 5, I saw one hundred bombing planes in the air at one time and the effect of this sight on the men was marvelous. I know whereof I speak, for I went to France and England and every official I met would have traded his houses of parliament for the Liberty motor. Our conversations, on no matter what subject, always ended when they asked me how many Liberty motors we could give them."

Now the Liberty motor speaks for itself daily. It was the first engine to cross the Atlantic ocean by its own power in an airplane, and in the various contests with its rivals, it carries its proud possessor swifter and higher and farther and with more certainty than any of its competitors. The Liberty motor will forever carry with it on all its journeys the name of Colonel Deeds.

The third thing the historian will record of Colonel Deeds is his love and devotion to his alma mater, Denison university at Granville, Ohio. The boy who made his way through college as janitor of the science building and engineer of the lighting plant has poured back into the treasury of the university almost $100,000 and pledged another $100,000 to its endowment fund. The noteworthy thing about it is that in his gratitude for the privileges afforded him by that institution he has banished all selfishness from his gifts and permitted the necessary funds to be expended for land, adding over two hundred acres to the campus and giving form and shape to the whole future development of the university. The services of Olmsted Bros., the famous landscape engineers of Boston, have charge of the plans for that development. Colonel Deeds is vice-president of its board of trustees.

Colonel Deeds was married to Miss Edith A. Walton, of Dayton, in 1900. Two boys have come to bless their household, Charles W. Deeds, aged seventeen years and Edward A. Deeds, Jr., whose young life was ended some two years ago at the age of eight years. The family residence is known as Moraine farm, located south of the city on a beautiful tract of some 1,100 acres in the Hills and Dales section of country adjoining the estates of Governor Cox and Mr. Kettering. Colonel Deeds is a member of the First Baptist church of Dayton, and a thirty-third degree Mason, the honorary degree having been conferred on account of his work with flood prevention. He is also a member of the following engineering societies: The American Society of Mechanical Engineers, American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Society of Automotive Engineers and American Electro Chemical society. He is a member of the Engineers' club of New York and president of the Engineers' club of Dayton, as well as numerous social clubs in New York, Washington and Dayton.

How much has been crowded into those twenty-two years since Colonel Deeds left the parental roof and ventured out into the world. His father and mother have been moved from the farm to the village of Granville to spend their declining years care free. He has won for himself and family both fame and fortune. By the combined efforts of himself and Mr. Kettering in research work, with their gift of the Engineers' Club building, they have made Dayton a great engineering center. Each year are seen and heard here the foremost engineers of this country in all departments of science. In the invention of the airplane by the Wright Brothers, Dayton gained a place in history. It is peculiarly fitting, therefore, that through the influence and work of other Dayton citizens interested in its development and production, the city has become the aviation center of the United States, and airplanes in the air are now as common as the birds about them. The people of Dayton

and the Miami valley will always owe a debt of gratitude to Colonel Deeds for mighty works achieved in their behalf.

Warren C. Deem. The ordinary youth, entering upon the serious business of life, generally views business complacently as a fairly simple proposition. To him there appears to be a prescribed formula of work ahead of him, but he seldom doubts his ability to accomplish much for his own advantage, and he realizes a contented independence is the sure wage of his labor. This optimistic faith in the world and in his own capacity is the heritage of a rising generation; but there are comparatively but few, when they arrive at stern realities, who have clear grit enough to hold to their high ambitions and work with an unchanged purpose. On the uphill road to success it is far easier to turn aside into a comfortable rut of mediocrity, than to push doggedly ahead. The latter, however, is the only method by which real success may be gained, and it was in this manner that Warren C. Deem has been able, from small beginnings, to attain to a recognized position in business affairs and to a place among the successful real estate operators of Dayton. Mr. Deem was born at Eaton, Preble county, Ohio, June 18, 1873, a son of Marks Deem, of that place. He belonged to one of the honored families of the city and was educated in the public schools, immediately after leaving which he displayed his industry by securing a position as clerk in the Eaton postoffice. Advancement did not come as rapidly as he desired in this line of endeavor, and Mr. Deem resigned his position to secure one as conductor on the Ohio Electric railway, running between Eaton and Dayton. It was while he was thus employed that he came to a decision regarding matters pertaining to the realty business, in which he had the good judgment to recognize a great future. Also, when he embarked in this field, he happily chose one of the best centers in which he could have prosecuted his activities, for the city of Dayton was at that time, in 1900, entering upon an era of prosperity and development that offered great opportunities for the energetic young man of ability. Mr. Deem, making the most of his every opportunity, applied himself diligently and unceasingly to his task. He formed a partnership with Mr. Donson, with whom he is still associated, and together they soon built up a clientage and business which have increased by leaps and bounds as the years have passed. They now are accounted successful and experienced operators and carry on a large general business at their offices, which are located in the Mutual Home building. Mr. Deem is a member of the Dayton Real Estate board and by reason of his honorable methods of business occupies a place high in the confidence of his associates. He is a Mason of high standing and also belongs to the Shrine. As a citizen, worthy civic movements have always had his support and co-operation, as have enterprises of an educational, religious or patriotic nature. September 12, 1894, Mr. Deem was united in marriage with Miss Nettie Becker, daughter of Philip Becker, of Eaton, O., and to this union there has been born one son: Raymond M., who resides with his parents.

Harry C. Delscamp, prominent in business circles at Dayton and honored and respected in every phase of his citizenship, has

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practically spent his entire life in this, his native city and has many important interests here. As president of the firm of Delscamp & Roemhildt, he is at the head of a flourishing business that was established on a sound foundation and is carried on along progressive lines. Mr. Delscamp was born September 28, 1877, and is a son of Gerhard and Caroline (Flick) Delscamp, the latter of whom was born in Germany and yet survives. Gerhard Delscamp was born in Pennsylvania and came to Dayton about 1850 and from then until his death in 1884, was more or less continuously connected with the firm of Lowe Bros., paint manufacturers. Harry C. Delscamp attended the public schools until 1892 when he entered the employ of Lowe Bros., as an errand boy and practically grew up in that business house. His training in the paint industry determined his business trend, and in 1913, in partnership with Rudolph Roemhildt, organized the company which bears the firm name, and, taking advantage of the opportunity at that time afforded, bought the store of Lowe Bros. The company was incorporated with a capital stock of $30,000, and its official board was made up of the following substantial business men: Harry C. Delscamp, president; B. F. Mecherd, vice president; L. A. Rader, secretary; Rudolph Roemhildt, treasurer. The company employs fifteen people at the plant and two traveling salesmen who cover eight counties. The company deals in paints, glass, brushes and painters' supplies. The business is systematically conducted and its volume is no negligible factor in the city's general commercial accounting. In February 1919, H. C. Delscamp purchased the interest of his partner Mr. Roemhildt and increased his capitalization to $50,000 changing the firm name to the Delscamp Paint & Glass company. With the exception of Mr. Roemhildt, treasurer, the officers of the company remain the same. Mr. Delscamp is very widely known not only because of his business associations, but also because he is so variously interested and has been so active in furthering organizations of a fraternal, public and social character. He is a Scottish Rite Mason and belongs also to the Mystic Shrine, and is also identified with the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias and B. &. P. O. E. He became an early member of the Y. M. C. A. and the organization has always had his hearty support. He belongs to the Rotary club and to the Greater Dayton associaton, of which he is exceedingly proud, and he has valued membership also in the Crescent, the Oakwood-25 and the Ionic clubs. He is a communicant of the Third Street German Lutheran church and is mindful of the church's ever-widening avenues of benevolence. Mr. Delscamp was married January 21, 1903, to Miss Jeanette Schroer, of Dayton, and they have five children: Raymond, Jeanette, Dorothy, Ruth and Donald.

Irvin C. Delscamp. It is to the courts and to the attorneys, who are sworn officers of the courts in which they practice, that all must look for the final and righteous settlement of disputed matters between themselves and their neighbors, regarding their property rights and the just and impartial disposition of all charges made against individuals involving life and liberty. Possessed of such important functions, it is of the highest importance that

bench and bar be composed of broad, liberal minded, learned, clean, conscientious, courageous members. Dayton has the right to be satisfied with its good fortune in this respect. Its bench has been represented by clean and able men, and its practitioners at the bar are men or integrity and ability. Prominent among the latter who have come to the forefront during more recent years, and one whose career thus far has, in its steady and consistent advancement, given promise of much for the future, is Irvin C. Delscamp, junior member of the strong legal combination of Egan & Delscamp. Many of Dayton's prominent professional men, and particularly of those of the younger generation, claim this city as the place of their birth, and Mr. Delscamp belongs to this class. He was born here December 20, 1883, a son of the late Andrew H. Delscamp, whose death occurred March 4, 1901. After attending the public schools of Dayton, Mr. Delscamp did not immediately apply himself to the study of the law, but instead took a course in the Miami Commercial college of Dayton. This period of training, while it deferred his entrance into active practice for a short time, has since proven of value to him in his calling and he has not regretted the experience as time wasted or ill-spent. When he was ready to enter upon his professional studies he became a clerk in the office of John Egan, where he studied law until his admission to the bar, December 20, 1912, at which time he began practice in the office of his preceptor. In 1915 was formed the partnership of Egan & Delscamp, which has since grown into a formidable combination. The firm is engaged in a general practice in all the courts and has handled some important business with much success. Mr. Delscamp is a self-made man and has risen to recognized position in his profession through energy of character and persistent application. His qualities are solid rather than flashy, but his mind is far-seeing, analytical and discriminating, and he is capable of grasping and unraveling many of the most intricate questions of law. These qualifications have made him a formidable opponent in debate and an able contestant at the bar. He has kept aloof from politics, although taking an active interest in all questions of moment in local and national affairs. Mr. Delscamp belongs to the Montgomery County Bar association and the American Bar association. He has some interest in fraternal affairs, belonging to the K. P., the I. O. O. F. and Elks Lodge, No. 58, of Dayton, in addition to which he holds membership in the Business Men's club, The Dayton Canoe club and the Young Men's Christian Association, in the work of which he takes an active part. Mr. Delscamp was married January 31, 1903, to Miss Mayme Remaley, daughter of John Henry Remaley, of Lima, O., and to this union the following children have been born: Vera, born April 1, 1904; Gladys, born December 7, 1905; and Marcella, born June 15, 1909.

Irvin W. Detamore. It is not possible for a man to attain marked preferment in the business world when still comparatively a young man without possessing more than ordinary ability and executive force of character, especially in these days of heavy competition. Every line of human endeavor requires strong effort and persistent activity, if success is to be attained. Thus it is that

credit should be given those who acquire such success early in their careers, overcoming obstacles and conquering circumstances. The career of Irvin W. Detamore offers encouragement to the younger generation, for within a few short years he has risen from the position of apprentice to the machinist's trade to the vice-presidency and general managership of the Dayton Insulating Die company. Mr. Detamore was born on a farm near Portland, Jay county, Ind., November 20, 1885, a son of James Detamore. His father, who was an agriculturist in Indiana, removed to Dayton with his family in 1892, and in this city succeeded in building up a large and profiable business in the line of stone mason contracting. Irvin W. Detamore was seven years of age when brought to Dayton, and here received his education in the public schools. He early showed a fondness for machinery, and when still a youth began to learn the machinist's trade in the plant of the Barney & Smith Car company. After he had mastered his vocation he remained for a time with the same company, and then accepted a better position with the National Cash Register company, being employed there for some time in the experimental department. This experience, a very valuable one and one which has since assisted him materially in his rise, was followed by employment in the tool room of the Delco company, where he was in charge of the bakelite department. During this period Mr. Detamore had demonstrated the possession of abilities which attracted the attention of some of the prominent business men of the city, and in June, 1916, he was made an excellent and attractive offer by the Dayton Insulating Die company, which concern he joined at that time in the capacity of secretary. Later he assumed the duties of vice-president and general manager of the company, which he now occupies, and in which he is directing the policy of the concern along lines which are bringing it added success and prestige. Mr. Detamore has but little more than started upon his career, yet he is already well known in Dayton's business circles, and generally recognized as a man of force, action and distinctive ability. Like others who have risen through their own effort, he feels that poverty, instead of being a handicap to the ambitious, serves as an incentive and stimulant, something which he proved true in his own case, as have so many others who have labored under the same conditions in the past, just as others will have to do in the future. Mr. Detamore is interested in fraternal work, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics and the Tribe of Ben Hur and Chamber of Commerce. He has had little time in his busy life to pay attention to politics or public affairs, but is an exceptionally well-informed man as to the questions of the day and his good citizenship has been proven in more than one movement making for the public welfare. He was married June 23, 1910, to Miss Cora B. Knisley, daughter of John Knisley, of Dayton, and they are the parents of two children: Leslie and Charlotte, both at home and attending school.

Ralph E. DeWeese. The banking interests of a community are necessarily among the most important, for financial stability must be the foundation stone upon which all great enterprises are erected.

The men who control and conserve the money of corporation or country must possess many qualities not requisite in the ordinary citizen, and among these high commercial integrity, finanical ability, judgment and foresight may be mentioned. Public confidence must be with them, and this fact has been again and again demonstrated in this country, when panics that even threatened the stability of the Government have been averted by the wisdom, sagacity and foresight of the men whose whole training has been along the line of finance: and more recently, when the banking institutions of the country played the principal part in securing the funds from the people with which to prosecute the United States' share of the great war. A citizen who has been prominently connected with the banking interests of Dayton for many years, and who is accounted an authority on the matter of stocks and bonds, is Ralph E. DeWeese, now identified with the City National bank and City Trust and Savings bank. Mr. DeWeese was born at Dayton, July 18, 1875, a son of the late James R. DeWeese, one of the city's best known citizens of his day, who passed to his final rest May 9, 1917. Ralph E. DeWeese was given an excellent training for his career, first attending the public schools of Dayton and later Deever's private school of this city. He next took a course at Scheffield Scientific school, and is a Yale graduate, class of 1906. For a time Mr. DeWeese was engaged actively in the stock and bond business, but eventually sold out and went to Europe, where he visited Rome and Dresden, in educating his son, but on his return resumed his operations in stock and bonds and continued as a private broker thereof until accepting a position with the City National bank and City Trust and Savings bank to take charge of the bond department, a capacity in which he is acting at this time. Few men in the city are more widely known in this special department of banking than is Mr. DeWeese, who has a comprehensive knowledge of this line. With him it has been a matter of the closest study from the time he was a youth, and his information has been supplemented by much experience and special training. During the recent great drives in the sale of Liberty Bond issues, he was made chairman of the committee, as well as manager of the salesmen for Montgomery county, and so capably did he direct matters that Dayton was one of the leading cities in its district, far exceeding its quota. This is but one of the loyal and public-spirited movements in which Mr. DeWeese has been engaged, for his sympathies have always been found on the side of progress and advancement, and his assistance and co-operation have gone out instinctively and unselfishly to anything that his judgment tells him is worthy and beneficial. Mr. DeWeese is popular in social circles of Dayton, where he belongs to the Dayton Country club, the Dayton City club, the Buz Fuz club and the Yale club. He married Miss Alberta Lowes, daughter of Dr. J. E. Lowes, a prominent physician of Dayton, and they are the parents of one son: Lowe E., who resides with his parents.

Robert R. Dickey, Jr. For more than twenty years Robert R. Dickey has been prominently identified with the commercial and material progress and financial interests of Dayton, and in no

less a degree has he been an influencing factor in the social life and civic circles of the city. He is of honorable ancestry, inheriting with a worthy name a fine mental organization and physical energy, and these, improved by broad culture, resolute purpose and a life of probity, have carried him to an enviable place in the confidence of his fellow-men, and have enabled him to achieve much for his own reputation, for the welfare of his native city, and for the benefit of his contemporaries, those who have worked for the advancement of the best interests of Dayton. Mr. Dickey was born at Dayton, in 1867, a son of Robert R. and Martha J. (Winters) Dickey, and a grandson of Adam and Mary (McKee) Dickey. **Robert R. Dickey** the elder was born October 26, 1816, near Middletown, Butler county, Ohio, and in 1842 came to Dayton, where, with his two brothers, John and William Dickey, he engaged in quarrying stone until 1853. In the meantime, in 1847, also with his brothers, he had placed a line of packet boats on the Wabash & Erie canal, and later, as a member of the firm of Doyle & Dickey, built the locks at St. Marys and Delphos. In 1845, he became the organizer of the Dayton bank, and from that time forward was somewhat of an important figure in banking circles, in 1852 becoming a stockholder in the Exchange bank and in 1868 becoming one of the largest stockholders in the Dayton National bank. With the passing of the years, his business genius took him into large enterprises and his energy found an outlet in assisting these companies and corporations to the attainment of success. In 1853, he became a stockholder in the Dayton Gas Light and Coke company, of which he became president two years later: from 1894 to 1897 he was head of the Globe Iron Works; and for some years was also president of the Dayton & Western Railroad and a director in the Cooper Hydraulic company. When he died, September 14, 1908, Dayton lost a man who had done much to add to the city's prestige in business and financial affairs, and a citizen who had never withheld his support from any worthy enterprise, civic, religious or educational. June 17, 1850, Mr. Dickey married Martha J. Winters, and of their three sons, two passed away before the death of the father, Robert R. being the only survivor. Robert R. Dickey the younger attended the public schools of Dayton, took his preparatory studies at Easthampton, Mass., and matriculated at Yale university, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1888. Returning to Dayton, be became assistant secretary of the Dayton Globe Iron Works, and in 1893 ascended to the secretaryship. In 1897, he became president and treasurer of the company, positions which he has continued to retain to the present time. Like his father, his business and financial connections have been many, varied, large and important. He was one of the organizers of the Acme Sign Printing company, and in 1894 became its president, retaining that position for eleven successive years. He is likewise secretary and treasurer of the American Board and Box company; vice president of the Cooper Hydraulic company; for four years director and for two years vice president of the Winters National bank; a director in the Oakwood Realty company, the City Railway company and the Country Club company; since 1907 president of the

Dayton Gas Light & Coke company; and from 1899 to 1908 was secretary of the Dayton View Hydraulic company. His club relations are with the most prominent social organizations of the city, and his religious affiliation with the Episcopal church, in which he is a vestryman. A man of sterling principles, Mr. Dickey has won success, and has not only received his share of the material things of the world, but has also attained and steadfastly retained the friendship and appreciation of those who have known him. He was married in 1894 to Miss Myrtle Thacker, a daughter of Newton Thacker, and they have one son: Robert R. III.

Samuel A. Dickey. It is not remarkable when a man is spared to round out three score years and ten, if he accomplishes much and leaves the world better for his having lived in it, and a name and a fortune behind him; but it is worthy of more than passing comment when one whose span of life failed to reach over four decades was equally as successful in every respect. The late Samuel A. Dickey was a man of progress. He never paused to deliberate whether another method might save him, but forged ahead to bring about whatever end he had in view. His mind reached out to grasp new problems, and his experiences but stimulated him to renewed efforts. While he never neglected business, he still found time to develop social graces, and in his home and friendly circle was a central figure. Mr. Dickey was born at Dayton, Ohio, March 16, 1840, a son of William and Sarah (Van Cleave) Dickey. After securing his early education in the public schools, he pursued a scientific course at Wittenberg college, Springfield, Ohio, and then became interested in the wood and coal business of McDonald & Zimmerman of Dayton and Cincinnati. When his father's health failed he became the manager of the elder man's large estate, which he handled with great capability, for sixteen years and in 1871 became president of the Dayton Gas company, remaining as the directing head of that industry until his death, August 9, 1880. In business circles he was widely known and highly esteemed. The Democratic party had in him one of its most stalwart supporters, and he never failed to live up to his principles. It is safe to say that no man of his day was more greatly esteemed by a wide circle of friends, or exerted a more wholesome influence toward promoting the general welfare. He is still remembered by a number of the older members of club life in Dayton. October 12, 1865, Mr. Dickey was united in marriage with Sarah E., daughter of Lewis and Eliza (Lee) Hayner, of Troy, Ohio, and they became the parents of two children: Bessie H., and Arthur C. who reside with their widowed mother at the southwest corner of Second and Wilkinson streets, Dayton.

Townsend H. Dickinson, M. D., physician and surgeon, in active practice at Germantown, Ohio, for the past twelve years, is in the enjoyment of a practice that is a testimonial to his scientific knowledge and skill. Dr. Dickinson entered upon his life career with more than the average endowment of thorough educational training, because of inherited tendencies from an already eminent father in the same profession. He was born at Edenton, Clermont county, Ohio, February 14, 1883. His parents are Dr. Townsend F.

and Julia (Hodges) Dickinson, highly esteemed residents of Cincinnati. The elder Dr. Dickinson is a graduate of Lebanon University, and the Miami Medical college, Cincinnati, and during many years of active life he was a physician of prominence in that city. Townsend H. Dickinson attended the public schools, completed the high school course at Cincinnati, and then took a two year course of university work, after which he entered the Miami Medical college, from which he was graduated in the class of 1906, with his degree of M. D. After a year of work as an interne in the Miami Valley hospital at Dayton, he established himself at Germantown, where he is now held in universal esteem both professionally and personally. He was associated in practice with the late Dr. J. A. Brown until the latter's death, since which time he has been alone. He is a member of numerous medical organizations including: the Montgomery County, the Ohio State and the American Medical associations. January 26, 1909, Dr. Dickinson married Edna, daughter of the late Dr. Joseph Alfred Brown, for many years an honored citizen and prominent physician at Germantown. Dr. Brown was born near Camden, Ohio, and received his medical education in the Ohio Medical college. Dr. and Mrs. Dickinson have two sons: Townsend Brown and Jame Alfred Dickinson. Dr. Dickinson is a Scottish Rite Mason and also a Shriner.

Robert H. Dicks. Recognized as one of the metropolises of the central west, Dayton has also been accepted for a number of years as one of the industrial centers of the world. Included among its manufactures are various lines of articles which are distributed over a wide territory, and one of these commodities is sealing wax in its various forms for use both in the household and in business. One of the concerns which controls a large part of this trade is the Dicks-Pontius company, the president of which, and one of the founders, is Robert H. Dicks, who has long been a leading and prominent figure in Dayton's manufacturing circles. Mr. Dicks was born at Dayton, May 22, 1854, a son of James B. Dicks. Educated in the public schools, his first employment was in the book store of J. H. Thomas, from which he went to Reynolds & Reynolds, in the capacity of a traveling salesman. In 1886 he and E. H. Wiggin purchased the business of I. L. Baker & Son, manufacturers of fruit jar sealing wax, which had been founded in 1867, and this was conducted by Messrs. Dicks & Wiggin as a co-partnership until 1903, when it was incorporated for $30,000, with R. H. Dicks president, and E. H. Wiggin, secretary and treasurer, and their line was increased by the addition of bankers, express, stationers, jewelers, tobacco bottle and battery waxes and plumbers cement. In 1906, when three other wax factories were taken over, the capital was increased to $75,000. In 1910, when Mr. Wiggin retired from the business, George A. Pontius became vice-president, and M. W. Dicks, secretary and treasurer and the firm name of Dicks-Pontius company was adopted. This new concern continued the manufacture of the same product, which also included putty, which had been added to the company's manufactures in 1890. In 1911, G. A. Pontius died, and the office of vice president discontinued. At present R. H. Dicks is president and M. W. Dicks secretary-

treasurer. The company now occupies a modern factory building, built in 1917, on Wayne avenue, where there are available 24,000 square feet of floor space. Twenty-five people are given employment, and the daily production includes 25,000 pounds of putty and 7,000 pounds of sealing wax. In the building up and development of this company, Mr. Dicks has shown sound judgment, shrewdness, acumen and courageous progressiveness. Throughout his career he has maintained a standard of business ethics that has placed him among the men of strict integrity and has given and held for him the confidence of his associates. He is a thirty-second degree Scottish-Rite Mason a member of Reed Commandery Knights Templars and Antioch Temple of Shriners, and belongs also to the Dayton Chamber of Commerce and the Y. M. C. A. He was married February 28, 1911, to Jeanette, daughter of William H. Ballard, A. M., M. D., of New Orleans, La.

Henry D. Dickson. The great and beneficial services rendered by the Y. M. C. A. during the period of the great world war are too well known to be enumerated or glorified in this work. All branches of this organization contributed splendidly to the forces which were working for the preservation of the morale of the fighting men, and all deserve a place in the list of the factors which made possible the success of the allied armies. Of the men of the Miami valley, none had a greater or more helpful part in this courageous and self-sacrificing work than Henry D. Dickson, secretary of the Dayton Y. M. C. A., who saw much dangerous service overseas and who has passed his entire career as a member of this great national body. Mr. Dickson was born at Windsor, Broome county, N. Y., March 29, 1870, and received his early education in the public schools of Binghamton, that state. Next, he attended the National Y. M. C. A. college, at Springfield, Mass., from which he was graduated with the class of 1890, and almost immediately went to Buffalo, N. Y., as secretary's assistant of the Y. M. C. A. In 1891 he was made general secretary and continued so until 1898, when he was transferred to the Twenty-third Street Y. M. C. A., at New York City. After spending eleven years in this capacity, he was made senior secretary of the committee on international publications, a post which he filled efficiently for two years, next passing a like period as general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of the Oranges. When he left that position it was to come, in 1912, to Dayton, where he has since been general secretary. During the early part of the entrance of the United States into the great war, Mr. Dickson went to Montgomery, Ala., where he organized the Y. M. C. A., at Camp Sheridan, in the capacity of general camp secretary. December 15, 1917, he went overseas and was assigned as secretary of the Paris Division, and later was made regional secretary of the Fifth Region, which included the Paris Division. Returning to the United States September 2, 1918, he remained here for several months, and in March, 1919, again went to France, this time for special service and later as director of personnel. He came back home August 12, 1919, and has since continued his duties as general secretary of the Dayton Y. M. C. A. a position in which he has accomplished great and lasting work.

All of Mr. Dickson's overseas service was as representative of the Dayton Y. M. C. A. board. Mr. Dickson is an excellent organizer, possesses talents which peculiarly fit him for the duties pertaining to his important position, and is an enthusiast in his work, possessing the absolute faith and fire of the zealot, combined with the practicality of the man of common sense, stable mentality and good judgment. He is a member of the Westminster Presbyterian church, and as a fraternalist belongs to Sea and Field Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M. He also holds membership in the Dayton Chamber of Commerce. June 14, 1894, Mr. Dickson married Miss Mary Gates, of Buffalo, N. Y., and they have one daughter: Margaret, who resides with her parents.

John T. Dietz. In a perusal of the roster containing the names of men of Dayton who have won their way to desirable success while their slower brethren have just been getting started on the pathway that leads to prosperity, will be found the name of John T. Dietz. The admiration of the world is always challenged by success, it matters not in which of life's activities it is attained, for it is the one distinguishing and sought-for characteristic of all transactions. In the manufacturing field, and particularly that branch which is identified with the making of gray iron castings, Mr. Dietz has taken a leading place, and has demonstrated the fact that to the man of merit belongs the full measure of success. John T. Dietz, president of the American Foundry and Casting company, was born at Dayton, O., April 28, 1881, a son of Benjamin and Mary Dietz. He attended St. Mary's college, from which latter he was graduated with the class of 1899, following which he secured a position as accountant with the Dayton Breweries company, with which he was associated for fourteen years. He was one of the founders, in 1907, of the American Foundry and Casting company, which was incorporated for $10,000, and held the office of secretary and treasurer, until July 1, 1917, at which time he resigned from the Breweries company to give his entire attention to the making of iron and semi-steel castings. The start of the company was a modest one, there being but twenty people employed in the plant at the corner of First and Harshman streets, but the business grew rapidly, and in July, 1917, a reorganization was effected, the following officers being elected: John T. Dietz, president and treasurer; and G. D. Wanner, secretary. There are now eighty-five people on the company's pay-roll, and during the war period the concern was engaged 75 per cent in war production. In the development of the business, the astuteness, foresight and excellent judgment of Mr. Dietz have played an important part, and in various ways and on divers occasions he has shown himself worthy of the business and personal confidence in which he is held by his associates. Mr. Dietz is a member of the Greater Dayton association, and has added his name to the list of supporters of various other movements calculated to assist the general welfare. He also belongs to the Knights of Columbus, in which he has attained the fourth degree, and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He and the members of his family are communicants of the Corpus Christi Catholic church. Mr. Dietz was married October 20, 1904, to Miss

Grace Cain, daughter of William and Catherine (Golden) Cain, of Dayton.

Joseph Compton Dininger. Among the men who are occupying positions of importance in the employ of large Dayton concerns, one whose career has been indicative of the possession of marked talents is Joseph Compton Dininger. Mr. Dininger came to Dayton in 1906 and almost immediately entered upon the activities that have brought him to a position of preferred prestige. He has worked his own way up from the bottom along the difficult self-made road to success, and at the present time occupies the position of purchasing agent for the great concern of Barney & Smith Car works. Mr. Dininger was born at Greenville, O., April 18, 1888, a son of Samuel R. and Nellie (Compton) Dininger. His father, a tinner by vocation, brought the family to Dayton in 1906, and here completed an active career as a skilled and industrious workman, his last several years having been passed in comfortable retirement. Joseph C. Dininger attended the public schools of Greenville and West Alexandria, O., and shortly after coming to Dayton, in 1906, secured a position with the inspection department of the National Cash Register company, a concern with which he remained for one year. At that time he realized the need for further training, and accordingly took a course in Jacobs Business college, from which he was duly graduated. Returning to the National Cash Register company, he was employed in the treasurer's department for one year, and then resigned to accept a position with the Platt Iron works, where he was employed in the superintendent's office for one year. In 1909 Mr. Dininger came to the Barney & Smith Car works in the capacity of stenographer, from which post he was subsequently advanced to order clerk, then to assistant purchasing agent, and finally, in November, 1918, to purchasing agent, which position he retains at this time. He is one of the energetic, thoroughly capable and conscientious human cogs in the great machinery which makes possible the efficient operation of the big plant, and has the respect of his superiors, the confidence of his associates, and the friendship of the men among whom his working days are passed. Mr. Dininger is a member of the National Association of Purchasing Agents, and has a wide acquaintance among the men of his calling, both at Dayton and elsewhere. His training has not come from books, but from the hard school of practical experience, and he has passed through all the departments, so that all details are thoroughly familiar to him. As a fraternalist, Mr. Dininger belongs to Mystic Lodge of the Masonic order. He is a Republican, with independent leanings, and has taken only a good citizen's interest in politics, although he has been connected with several civic movements which have tended to advance the general welfare. With his family, he belongs to Grace Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Dininger was married June 29, 1911, to Miss Faye Paul, daughter of John M. and Ella (MacDonald) Paul, of Dayton, and to this union there has been born one son: Richard Paul.

Henry A. Ditzel. When the history of music in Dayton shall be properly written, few men will be found who have more deeply

stamped their individuality upon the musical development of their period than Henry A. Ditzel. The complete history of his busy life would be inspiring and serve as an example to those seeking achievement that can only come through persistent and thoughtful effort. Mr. Ditzel was born at Dayton, October 12, 1873, and received his literary education in the public schools of this city. He early displayed an inherent talent for music, and after receiving instruction in this country went to Berlin, Germany, where he studied piano with Ernest Jedliczka, composition with O. B. Boise and Maurice Moskowski; and organ with Irrgang. He made his debut at Berlin in 1902, and from 1900 to 1902 taught harmony in Klindworth-Scharwenka conservatory, Berlin. Returning to the United States in the latter year, he opened a studio and engaged in teaching piano and organ and at this time is located in the Bimm building. He is accounted one of the city's leading instructors as is attested by his pupils from Dayton and surrounding cities, who as pianists have become prominent in musical circles. He is an artist of splendid ability and has given organ and piano recitals at Dayton and many other large cities which have met with the unqualified approval of the press and the music-loving public. For the past fifteen years Mr. Ditzel has been organist in the First English Lutheran church of Dayton. His compositions include a setting of the 98th Psalm for solo and chorus, three mixed quartettes, sacred, and several piano numbers. He is a member of the National Association of Organists and of the executive board thereof, and belongs to the Dayton Rotary club. Mr. Ditzel married Lillian, daughter of Judge J. L. H. Frank, of Dayton.

Samuel W. Dixon. The alert, progressive and energetic element of Dayton's business population has a worthy representative in the person of Samuel W. Dixon, during whose career several lines of industry have had the benefit of his abilities and enthusiasm. For a number of years his operations were confined to the realty field, but more recently he has been occupied by his duties as treasurer of the Universal Credit Rating company. Mr. Dixon is essentially a product of this city, the one of his nativity, for here he received his training, both educational and business, and here he has passed his entire career. He was born February 25, 1882, a son of Henry Dixon, and received his education in the public schools, following which he entered the employ of Kimmel & Freehafer, realty dealers; for seventeen years he remained with this concern, consistently advancing in position and public confidence. In addition to the duties of these positions, he discharges those of treasurer of the Universal Credit Rating company, producers of reference books and mercantile reports, with offices at 270-274 Fourth Street Arcade. In each field of endeavor he has made a success of his operations, and his abilities have been recognized by his associates who have placed him high in their confidence. He was the organizer of the Retail Credit Men's association of Dayton, of which he is secretary. Mr. Dixon is a member of Stillwater Lodge of Masons and has taken the Scottish Rite degree in that order and a member of Antioch Temple of Shriners. He also belongs to the Kiwanis club, as a charter member. November 3, 1909, he married Mabel Whallon, daughter

of O. M. Whallon, of Dayton, and they have one daughter, Janet E.

Burt E. Dohner, secretary and treasurer of the Ohio Metal Products company, is one of the energetic and enterprising business men of Dayton. In his career he has demonstrated the gratifying results that may be brought about through the association of father and son in the same business venture and the success which may accrue to an enterprise under the direction of members of one family. Mr. Dohner was born at Springfield, Ohio, April 1, 1883, a son of John H. and Sarah J. (Walsh) Dohner. His grandparents were William and Martha (Schugh) Dohner. John H. Dohner was born near Urbana, Ohio, May 31, 1862, and began his business career at St. John's Sewing Machine company, at Springfield. In 1889 he came to Dayton with the National Cash Register company, and remained with that concern for many years, holding various positions of trust and responsibility. For two years after leaving this company he was employed by the National Acme Manufacturing company of Cleveland, and then returned to Dayton and entered business on his own account, buying an interest in the Ohio Metal Products company, of which he is now president. Mr. Dohner is prominent in business, civic and fraternal circles of Dayton, and a complete review of his career, with that of the Ohio Metal Products company, will be found on another page of this work. He was married August 17, 1882, to Sarah J. Walsh, and Burt E. is their only son. Burt E. Dohner was educated in the public schools of Dayton, whence he was brought as a lad of six years, and later went to the Steele high school and St. Mary's college. For a time he worked as a tool maker at the National Cash Register company, and then resumed his education, first attending the Rose Polytechnic, at Terre Haute, Ind., and later the Case School of Applied Science. At the close of his schooling time he joined the Ohio Metal Products company, of which he was made secretary, and subsequently also assumed the duties of the office of treasurer, now filling both offices. He has shown marked ability of an executive character, and has assisted materially in gaining success for the concern. Mr. Dohner belongs to Christ Episcopal church. He is a member of Mystic Lodge of Masons, the Grotto, the Eastern Star and the Scottish Rite, and is a Shriner, and while at Case School of Applied Science joined the college fraternity, Beta Theta Pi. He is likewise an active member of the Greater Dayton association. September 28, 1910, he married Harriet L. Bean, daughter of Andrew J. and Cora (Harter) Bean, of Dayton, and to this union there has been born one child: Virginia Marie, born October 4, 1917.

John H. Dohner. It was at a time when the greatest period of development and progress was still in the future that John H. Dohner came to Dayton. He had already shown self-reliance and great capacity for industry, but it was not until he came to Dayton that he permitted his progressive ideas full development which resulted in the founding and solid upbuilding of an important manufacturing plant. Like many another thoroughly successful man, he began at the bottom of the ladder and while his brain was busy and his ambition keenly alive, he worked with his hands and, to

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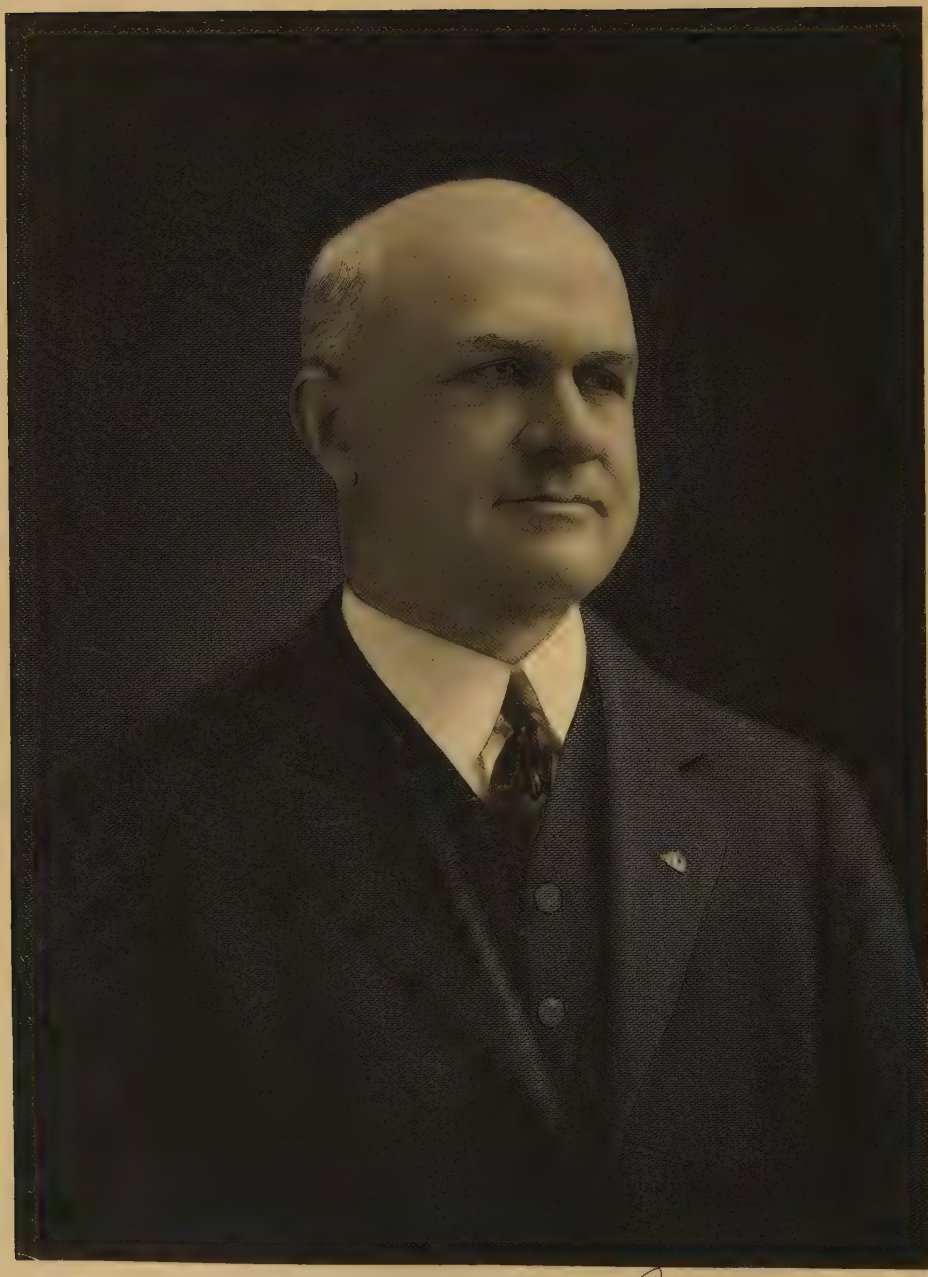

his credit, has never been ashamed of those early days of industry. Mr. Dohner was born on a farm near Urbana, the county seat of Champaign county, Ohio, May 31, 1862, a son of William and Martha (Schugh) Dohner. His father died when John H. was but two years of age, and, while he managed to get a good education, attending the public schools of his native community, the high school at Springfield, Ohio, and Wittenberg college, he received no inheritance and was forced to make his own way toward the attainment of a start in business life. His first employment was with St. John's Sewing Machine company, at Springfield, where he remained as a screw-maker until 1889, at which time he came to Dayton with the National Cash Register company. He rose rapidly through his entreprise, fidelity, capacity and industry, to the position of foreman of the screw machine department, a post which he retained for some thirteen years. Subsequently he was promoted to an executive position in the factory department, and five years later had charge of the labor and employment departments, but eventually resigned and left the employ of the concern with which he had spent so many years to accept an attractive offer from the National Acme Manufacturing company of Cleveland. For two years he acted as assistant to the general superintendent of that concern, and then returned to Dayton and entered business on his own account, organizing the Ohio Metal Products company. This concern had been established as a partnership in 1901 by Louis Volta and Charles E. Muhlenburg, the plant, a general machine works, being located between Main and Jefferson on Sixth street. This partnership continued in force until about 1906, when John H. Dohner bought Mr. Volta's interest. In May, 1908, they built the new building and moved to No. 39 Bates street, the present location, and June 23, 1909, the business was incorporated for $30,000, with the following officers: John H. Dohner, president: C. E. Muhlenburg, vice president and treasurer; and Burt E. Dohner, secretary. The business of the company at the time was the manufacture of automobile parts, and the business continued the same until August, 1913, when John H. Dohner bought the interest of C. E. Muhlenburg, and the officers became: John H. Dohner, president: S. W. Dohner, vice president; and Burt E. Dohner, secretary and treasurer, the capital stock remaining the same. The company employs fifty people in its plant, and a traveling salesman, manufactures automobile parts, roller bearings, pipe connections, and a general line of automatic screw machine products. In the plant there are 20,000 square feet of floor space, and the plant throughout is equipped with modern machinery. During the time the United States was a participant in the great war, the Ohio Metal Products company was engaged 90 per cent in war production. Mr. Dohner is a member of Christ Episcopal church. He is well known in Masonry, in which he is a Knight Templar, a member of the Scottish Rite, of the Eastern Star, of Mystic Lodge, and of the Shrine; belongs to Iola Lodge, of the Knights of Pythias and to the Kiwanis club; and has a number of civic connections, including membership in the Dayton Chamber of Commerce. He likewise belongs to the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. August 17, 1882, Mr. Dohner

was married to Miss Sarah J. Walsh, daughter of William and Mary (Hall) Walsh, of London, Ohio, and one son has been born to this union: Burt E., who is associated with his father in business as secretary and treasurer of the Ohio Metal Products company.

Miss Electra C. Doren. Electra C. Doren, the popular librarian of the public library of Dayton, has risen to prominence and obtained recognition through solid merit, founded upon excellent natural abilities, ripened by liberal scholastic training and matured by thorough study. Miss Doren is a member of a family long known for its distinguished participation in journalism, letters and important public service. Her father, John C. Doren, editor and owner of the Dayton Daily Democrat, the predecessor of the Daily News, was born at Athens, Tenn., in 1834, and was a lad of ten years when he came to Ohio with his parents and other members of the family, the first residence being at Xenia. He early displayed marked journalistic ability, and when but nineteen years of age, under Gov. Samuel Medary's leadership, became managing editor of the Ohio Statesman. In 1857 he was made official reporter of the Ohio House of Representatives, and in 1861 received the appointment as private secretary to Secretary of the Treasury Salmon P. Chase, at Washington, D. C., in the cabinet of Abraham Lincoln. He remained in that capacity during 1861 and 1862 and then returned to his journalistic labors, but also devoted a large part of his time to the study of law. He was graduated from the Cincinnati Law school in 1865, but the journalistic calling was a fixed one with him and in the same year he succeeded G. M. D. Bloss as editor of the Cincinnati Enquirer, a position which he retained until shortly before removing his residence to Dayton, in 1870. Here he continued to be a prominent figure among the most brilliant journalists of his day and his trenchant pen wielded a forceful influence almost until the last year of his life, his death occurring suddenly, March 8, 1916, when he was eighty-two years of age, at his home, Morningside, on the Salem pike. From 1877 to 1879 he had served as journal index clerk of the Ohio House of Representatives, and for many years he continued to occupy positions of public responsibility and trust, his death removing one who had been a faithful public servant as well as a promoter and supporter of progressive civic movements. The mother of Miss Doren bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Bragdon. With Mrs. Elizabeth Bickham, of Dayton, she attended college at Hillsboro, Ohio, and it was while there that she met the brilliant young private secretary of the secretary of the treasury, whom, February 23, 1861, she married in Clermont county, Ohio. When Mrs. Doren's health failed a temporary residence was taken on a farm in southern Ohio, but with her recovery, in 1870, the family came to Dayton, and it was in the public schools of this city that Miss Doren received her early education. Later she was a student at Cooper's seminary, under the principalship of Prof. J. A. Roberts, and subsequently German, French and some Italian were added to her education through private tutors and two years of travel abroad in France, England, Switzerland and Italy. While still a girl and a high school student, Miss Doren spent some months at Washing-

ton, D. C., on the index to the journal of the House of Representatives, a work on which her father was then engaged, and this experience prepared her to some extent for the development of the methods which she later introduced in card cataloguing. She was graduated from the old Central High school, at the age of seventeen years, and as the library committee were seeking for some one from the graduating class to enter the public library as assistant, she was recommended for the work by Captain Stivers and at once assumed her duties, continuing to perform them with excellent ability for many years. When, in 1896, she was appointed librarian, she received the recognition which was due her faithful and efficient performance of important and arduous responsibilities. In 1904 the call came to Miss Doren, and was accepted, to take charge of the library school of the Western Reserve university of Cleveland, as director. Two years later, however, she resigned, and for the next two years business and family interests claimed her time at home. In September, 1913, Miss Doren was again called by the library board to her former position as librarian, and this she still retains. She has a knowledge of the requirements of the public schools for co-operative work, experience in dealing with the educational institutions, faculty for bringing dissociated elements together in a common cause, and sincere appreciation of the library as a public institution, and she also has the business acumen fitting her to plan and administer large projects. Miss Doren is identified with a number of prominent associations and organizations of letters, and at frequent times has been honored by positions of distinguished importance. She has been vice-president of the American Library association and a member of its council, and was recently made a fellow of the American Library institute. She is also the first woman elected to the American Library association's publishing board, an institution endowed by gift of Andrew Carnegie. In 1917 she was elected a member for three years of the executive board of the American Library association and was also appointed to serve upon the Library War Service committee. She has been active in the work of the Y. W. C. A. and the Women's league, and has various other important connections, being a member of the Helen Hunt club and the Woman's Literary club and vice-president of the Montgomery Art association. The motives which have inspired Miss Doren in the successful upbuilding of the Dayton Public library have been threefold: namely, educational and scholarly service expressed through the best technical library economy; administrative and business efficiency upon a strictly modern basis and that the library shall be a home in the world whose prevailing atmosphere is one of dignity, cordiality and helpfulness.

William C. Doughty, M. D., one of the physicians and surgeons of Dayton, is engaged in a general practice and since locating in this city, has built up a large and valuable connection. He was born at Indianapolis, Ind., June 12, 1873. After attending the grammar and high schools of Liberty, Ind., he took a preparatory course at the Miami university, and then entered Starling Medical college, the Ohio State university, taking the full medical course,

in which he was graduated in the class of 1900, with the degree of M. D. Immediately after receiving his degree, Doctor Doughty began the practice of his profession at West Milton, Ohio, where he remained until June, 1906, at which date he permanently located in Dayton, and has since remained, practicing alone. He maintains fraternal relations with the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Eagles. September 1, 1897, Doctor Doughty was married to Miss Nellie Coate, a daughter of Orrin Coate, of West Milton, Ohio. Doctor and Mrs. Doughty have one daughter, Pauline, who is at home. A skilled man in his profession, Doctor Doughty has firmly established himself as a physician and surgeon whose skill and knowledge are dependable, and he has also won the confidence of his community as a man of integrity and a citizen of public spirit.

James W. Downer, whose long and important business achievements have given him high standing in financial and commercial circles not only in America but in England as well, has been a resident of Dayton for a number of years, where his efforts have contributed to the stability of business through a trying period of the country's history, and to the extension of many laudable public enterprises. As president and treasurer of the Dayton Supply company, he is a vital factor in manufacturing industries in this city. Mr. Downer was born at Monongahela, in Washington county, Pa., February 20, 1863. His father, James W. Downer, was a manufacturer of coal mining equipment at Monongahela, and to this industrial environment perhaps may be attributed the son's early and continued interest in the mechanical arts. This was evidenced as soon as he had completed his public school course when, instead of entering one of the professions, for which he had natural qualifications, he entered a printing office and learned the trade and continued until his technical knowledge and superior judgment had placed him in charge of the printing office. He is next found as an employee of the National Tube company, at McKeesport, Pa. It was Mr. Downer who organized, developed and managed the foreign department of the National Tube company, having charge of all the material exported, in pursuance of which he established his principal office in London, England, with a branch office in New York city. His presence was necessary in London and he resided there from 1897 until 1904. Upon his return to the United States, he took up his residence in the city of Pittsburg and still continued with the National Tube company, as general manager of sales, until 1909. In the above year Mr. Downer organized the company which bought the business of the Dayton Supply company, which under incorporation became the Dayton Supply company, of which he has been president and treasurer ever since. Mr. Downer's many years of business experience enables him to view men and affairs with a clear perspective and he has guided his large enterprise safely through four turbulent years of war's uncertainty. Aside from purely business organizations, he is identified with many bodies, fraternal, patriotic and social in composition, included in which it may be noted that he is a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the Royal Arcanum. He belongs to the

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United States Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Dayton association, the Dayton, Bicycle, Rotary and Country clubs of Dayton, the University club of Pittsburg, the Navy League and the Empire State Sons of the American Revolution. Mr. Downer was married to Miss Elizabeth Mozetta Robbins, who is a daughter of W. N. Robbins, of McKeesport, Pa., and they have three daughters: Elizabeth, who is a graduate of Wellesley college, class of 1916, is engaged in Red Cross work in the Presbyterian hospital, New York city; Emma, who is a graduate of Vassar college, class of 1916, and Dorothy, who is a student at Vassar, class of 1921. Mr. Downer and his family are members of the First Presbyterian church at Dayton.

Samuel Albert Dunkel. Integrity and honesty, coupled with good business judgment, are the factors which have won for Samuel Albert Dunkel, the leading furniture dealer and undertaker of Brookville, a high place in the confidence and esteem of the citizens of his community. He was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, October 27, 1876, centennial year, the eldest of two sons and one daughter born to Ira and Belle (Hammel) Dunkel, all of the children still surviving. Mr. Dunkel is the eldest; Clara, a graduate of Brookville High school, is the wife of Blaine Fleagle, a telegrapher in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, and the mother of three daughters, the family being members of the United Brethren church; Garland, a graduate of the Brookville High school, is a merchant of Brookville and married. Ira Dunkel was born in Pennsylvania, of old Pennsylvania Dutch stock, and as a lad was brought to Montgomery county, Ohio, where he received only an ordinary education in the public schools. When he reached years of maturity he adopted farming as his life's vocation and through his active years was engaged in the tilling of the soil, still being the owner of a farm five miles north of Brookville, although now living in retirement. He is a staunch Republican in politics and he and his wife are devout members of the United Brethren church and assisted in the erection of the beautiful edifice of that denomination. Mrs. Dunkel was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, where she passed her active years in one township. She is a woman of many excellent qualities of character, and her home and family have been her life. Samuel Albert Dunkel has always been a resident of his native county and his home has been at Brookville, where he completed his education in the high school. In 1899, in partnership with A. L. Boice, he embarked in the furniture and undertaking business on a small cash basis and during the sixteen years that his partnership continued the business relations between the members of the firm were most amicable, congenial and satisfactory. In 1915 Mr. Dunkel purchased the interests of his partner, and at this time is sole owner of the large establishment, where he carries a complete line of furniture and house furnishings, as well as an up-to-date stock of caskets. In 1899 he took the free course in embalming at the Cincinnati School of Embalming, and in this, as in other departments of his work, is thoroughly skilled and capable. His business has grown extensively during the time he has had it under his

management, and he has gained the full confidence of the people. Mr. Dunkel is a gentleman who possesses a cordial and friendly manner and maintains relations of this nature with his patrons. When he began his business connection with Mr. Boice their cash capital was meager and they were forced to start their business in a little room, humbly furnished. Today this establishment is one of the most pretentious of Brookville. Mr. Dunkel wedded Miss Mary Katherine Kumler, December 5, 1901, and of their five children three are living: Harry Kumler, a student in the first year of the Brookville High school and bright in his classes; Robert, a pupil in the fifth grade, and Jack William. Mr. and Mrs. Dunkel have every reason to regard their sons with a pardonable degree of pride. Mrs. Dunkel was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, August 11, 1877, and received good educational training in her native community, completing her training in the Randolph High school. For some years she was a teacher in the public schools of Montgomery county. Mr. and Mrs. Dunkel are members of the United Brethren church and aided in the erection of the church structure, as they also have in its work. Mrs. Dunkel has three brothers, all living, as are her parents, who are residents of Brookville. Granville Kumler is located at Lewisburg, Ohio, where he is editor and proprietor of a newspaper. Harry Kumler is connected with the Conservancy Ditch and Drainage company, north of Dayton. A. J. Kumler is located at Detroit, and is a traveling salesman out of Flint, Mich. Mrs. Dunkel belongs to the various societies of the United Brethren church. Mr. Dunkel is a Republican and has always staunchly supported the principles of that party. Fraternally he is a charter member of Brookville Masonic Lodge No. 596; Lodge No. 544, Knights of Pythias at Verona, Ohio. The modern home of the Dunkel family stands on the corner of Orchard and Pyrmont streets, and its friendly portals are ever open to the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Dunkel.

Paul W. Dustin, D. D. S. Among the skilled and popular practitioners of dental surgery now engaged in practice at Dayton, one who has made rapid strides in his profession during the ten years that he has followed his art is Paul W. Dustin, D. D. S. Beginning his career in 1909, through his marked mastery of the principles and in the practice of his calling, he has succeeded in building up a large and representative clientele and in placing himself in a position of preferment among his fellow-practitioners. Doctor Dustin was born at Batavia, Ohio, July 13, 1884, and received his early education in the public schools of his native place. Next, he pursued a course of study at Miami university, Oxford, Ohio, and upon its completion took up his professional studies at the Ohio College of Dental Surgery at Cincinnati, graduating from that institution with the class of 1909 and the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. He immediately came to Dayton, where he has since been engaged in a dental practice that has been satisfactory both from a professional viewpoint and from the standpoint of the securing of the patronage of a large and representative following. He maintains well-appointed offices at No. 755 Reibold building, equipped with the latest appliances and instruments known to the

dental art. Doctor Dustin is a valued member of the Miami Valley Dental society, the Ohio Dental society and the American Dental Association, and holds membership in the Xi Psi Phi dental fraternity. May 18, 1917, he was united in marriage with Leona, daughter of Louis Weingartner, a well-known business man of Dayton.

Nicholas Dutle. A capacity for hard work, a determination to win, ceaseless ambition and unhesitating grasping of opportunities which he has turned into profitable channels have combined to win success for Nicholas Dutle, one of the live and energetic business citizens of Dayton, where he is president of one of the leading concerns in its field, the Ohio Parfay company. In the working out of his success Mr. Dutle has been compelled to overcome numerous obstacles which have appeared in his path, but these have not deterred him in his upward climb; on the contrary, they have served as stimulants to still greater efforts and incentives for the developing of his latent powers. Mr. Dutle was born at Morris, Ind., June 19, 1870, a son of Vincent Dutle, who was a cooper by trade and passed the greater part of his life at Morris. In the parochial schools of his native place, Nicholas Dutle received a common school education, and when he started to work his employment was found in stores at Cincinnati. After being thus engaged for several years, he found that he was making but slow progress in spite of his continued effort and steady endeavor, and he accordingly sought a reason, eventually deciding upon the acquirement of a regular trade to assist him in his rise. For some years he was employed as a journeyman, and during this time interested himself greatly in the affairs of the organization of men connected with the trade, so that eventually he acquired a large following and much influence, and was elected third vice-president of the Metal Polishers' National Union, a capacity in which he served for several years. In 1902 he arose to the presidency of that organization, and for a number of years was one of the best known men in the trade with acquaintances among prominent men throughout the country. Eventually, he established himself in business on his own account, and in 1914 was interested in the organization of the Ohio Parfay company, to handle this article for the state of Ohio. The business was founded with a capital stock of $100,000, with the following officials: John Butler, president; Walter Kline, vice-president, and C. A. Hormal, secretary and treasurer. The bottling plant of this concern was first at Sandusky, Ohio, but in the latter part of 1916 the Dayton plant started operation at 1110 East Fifth street, where only equipment of the most highly improved character is used; twelve people being employed in manufacturing this product, one of the best known articles of its kind now upon the market. In 1917 the company was reorganized, with Nicholas Dutle as president and general manager; Walter Kline, vice-president, and C. A. Hormal, secretary and treasurer. The capital stock remains at $100,000. Mr. Dutle has been the leading factor in the success of this company since taking over the presidency and managership and has firmly established his right to be known as one of the substantial business men of Dayton, a man of high principles and

honorable business and personal conduct, and a citizen of marked public spirit and civic pride. He is a member of Holy Angels Catholic church, his fraternal affiliations include membership in the local lodges of the Loyal Order of Moose, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and he also belongs to the Pikers' club of Dayton. August 17, 1898, Mr. Dutle was united in marriage with Mollie M., daughter of Thomas Purcell, of Newport, Ky., and they have two children: Nicholas Charles and May, both residing with their parents.

Howard Victor Dutrow, M. D. In the vocabulary of Dayton's professional men there is found no such word as luck, for through long years of experience they have become convinced that success and position only come through persistent application of intelligent methods that require time for their full development. In the medical profession alone there must be the original foundation of inherent ability, brought to development by training and experience, and to this must be added the acquired confidence of the public, the latter to be attained only through gradual and well-timed approaches and the display of ability and thorough knowledge. Sudden and phenomenal rise to affluence and eminence is most uncommon, and is often attended by subsequent failure. Certain it is that none would intimate that Dr. Howard Victor Dutrow, of Dayton, owes his success to any lucky chance or circumstance. His career has been one of steady and gradual advancement from the time he left college halls, but for some years he has occupied a position of recognized prominence in medical circles, particularly as a specialist in the treatment and cure of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. Doctor Dutrow was born at Frederick City, Md., December 30, 1880, and received his early education there in the public schools. Subsequently, he was sent to a private school, known as the Frederick City School for Boys, and after some further preparation began his medical studies at the University of Maryland, where he was graduated in 1904, with the degree of M. D. After serving one year as interne in the University hospital, Baltimore, Md., he began practice at Frederick City, but had just secured a start in his profession when he received an appointment in the medical department of the Isthmian Canal commission, Canal Zone, Panama, December 16, 1905, and continued to serve therein until January 1, 1913. On first going to Panama he was assigned to the general hospital at Colon, in general medical and surgical service. Later he was sent to Ancon hospital, at Ancon, and assigned to the eye and ear service as assistant chief of clinic, and remained there until September, 1912, when he went to Colon hospital at Cristobal Canal Zone, on the Atlantic side, and remained there as chief of the eye and ear clinic until the termination of his services with the government. February 1, 1913, with this vast and valuable experience as an asset, he came to Dayton and associated himself in a professional capacity with Dr. H. D. Rinehart. In 1914 he purchased Doctor Rinehart's interest in the practice and has since remained alone as a specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, with offices on the tenth floor of the Fidelity Medical building. He has built up a large practice through the exercise

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of rare talents and the display of thorough knowledge, and, being an accurate and cautious observer, as the boundaries of knowledge are pushed further, has kept fully abreast of the advancement of his science. He is a member of the Montgomery County Medical society, the Ohio State Medical society and the American Medical association; president of the Dayton Academy of Medicine, and a member of the American Academy of Opthalmology and Oto-Laryngology; of Medical Advisory board, District No. 10, State of Ohio, and a life member of the Medical Association of the Isthmus Canal Zone. He is also oculist for the Baltimore & Ohio railroad and a member of the regular staff, eye and ear department, of the Miami Valley hospital, Dayton, and special eye and ear examiner for the State Industrial commission, Dayton district. Doctor Dutrow is also a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, a Knight Templar, a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and a member of the Elks' lodge, and belongs to the Dayton City, Dayton Country and Dayton Bicycle clubs and to several civic bodies. He was married December 14, 1905, to Emma Agnes, daughter of Charles Thomas, of Frederick City, Md., and they are the parents of one child, Mary Katherine, who is attending the Moraine Park school.

Wilbur S. Early, D. D. S. In the dental profession at Dayton, few names are better or more favorably known than that of Early, for two generations of this family have successfully and honorably practiced this calling here not only with the attainment of material prosperity but also of high reputation and standing in the ranks of the devotees of this science. Wilbur S. Early, D. D. S., is a native son of Dayton, where he was born December 11, 1895, a son of Dr. John C. and Martha B. (Simpson) Early. Educated primarily in the graded schools and the Steel High school at Dayton, he early evidenced a predilection for the dental profession, doubtless an inheritance from his brilliant father, under whose tuition his talents were developed and encouraged. He completed his professional training in the Ohio State university, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1917, with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, and immediately entered practice with his father at Dayton, where they now carry on a general professional business with offices at No. 440 Fidelity building. Doctor Early is practically a newcomer in the ranks of his calling, but has already evidenced the possession of ability that places him well to the forefront among dental practitioners of his city. He is a close and careful student, fully conversant with all of the advancements being made in his profession, a skilled operator with the surgeon's masterful but gentle touch, and a man whose innate sympathy does much to gain him the confidence and gratitude of his large practice. He belongs to the Montgomery County Dental society, the Miami Valley Dental society and the National Dental association, and also holds membership in the Zi Psi Phi fraternity which he joined at the Ohio State university. He is popular in professional circles, where he is known as a strict respecter of the highest ethics of his calling, and has numerous warm friends outside of the province of his professional activities.

John C. Eberhardt. Few men there are who possess the ability to win success along more than one line, particularly when their work carries them into two highly specialized fields of endeavor. Concentration of effort, when exerted by a mind keen and well trained, frequently results favorably, however, and accomplishments are gratifying in such instances. With knowledge thus gained, a man is usually broad in his conceptions and true in his motives. Among the men of Dayton who have proven themselves versatile in their abilities and capable of applying these talents in such a way as to win success, is Dr. John C. Eberhardt, formerly a leading jeweler, and now one of the most eminent of the city's optometrists. Doctor Eberhardt was born in Thuringen, Germany, May 11, 1857, a son of Gottlieb W. Eberhardt. His father brought the family to the United States in 1866, and engaged in the manufacture of woolen machinery at Dayton, a business in which he continued during the remainder of his life. He was an industrious and capable man, of good business judgment, and at the time of his death, in about 1897, was the possessor of a comfortable competence. John C. Eberhardt started to school in his native land, but when he was nine years of age was brought to the United States, where he completed his studies in the Dayton public schools. Following this, he was apprenticed to a manufacturing jeweler, and when he had mastered the vocation became a journeyman and acted as such several years. He then entered business on his own account, in partnership with J. W. Anderton, and this association met with great success and continued in existence until 1899. In the meantime, Mr. Eberhardt had become greatly interested in optometry, which his business had naturally brought him into contact with, and in 1890 had taken up the study in earnest. He attended the Northern College of Ophthalmology and Otology, at Chicago, from which well-known institution he was duly graduated with the class of 1894, and following this took post-graduate work under Dr. Julius King, of Cleveland, Ohio. After having various connections and associations, he finally entered the profession as a specialist, and for the past twenty years he has had offices in the Reibold building, where he follows the practice of his profession. His reputation as a specialist and authority has grown steadily and few men of Dayton now stand higher in the profession. How highly he is thought of by his fellow-practitioners is shown in the fact that he was the first president of the Ohio Association of Optometrists, to which he still belongs, and that in 1904 he was the chief executive of the American Association of Optometrists, of which he was made an honorary life member. He is affiliated with the Masons, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree, and belongs to the Shrine, and has numerous civic connections, being active in the Rotary club and other bodies. Doctor Eberhardt was one of the leading factors in the founding of the Aero club of Dayton and has for ten years been a member of the Aero Club of America. In 1911 he served as vice-president of that body, and in 1913 was one of the three delegates representing the United States at the World's Aero conference, at The Hague, Holland. As a citizen he has been active and constructive in movements which have been identified with the

forwarding and elevating of the general welfare, serving on the board of education for five years. Doctor Eberhardt was married July 9, 1885, to Miss Louise Frick, daughter of Ferdinand Frick, of Dayton, and to this union there have been born two children: Alma Louise, the wife of Julius A. Petersen, of Chicago, Ill., with two children,—Hugh and Julius, jr.; and James H., who served as a lieutenant in the United States Aircraft Armament Corps, in France.

Arthur L. Eberly. Many of those who are now occupying positions of public importance and responsibility are men whose early life and subsequent years were spent on a farm, where, amid healthful surroundings, they learned lessons of sobriety, industry and economy. Such characteristics, properly developed, lead to a successful career, in nine cases out of ten. There is no royal road to fortune in these days of strenuous competition; each man must earn his right to what he obtains, and in the end no methods save those that are honorable and upright will prevail. Likewise, in order to gain the confidence of his fellow-citizens in a degree that they will place their interests as citizens in his hands, an individual must show his true worth and his fitness for such office. A product of the farm, Arthur L. Eberly won his way to the possession of a competence amid rural surroundings by means of good management and industry. At the same time, he gave evidence of being honest in his transactions and true to his engagements, so that he was chosen by his fellow-citizens for various positions, until at this time he is capably filling the office of president of the board of Montgomery county commissioners. He was born in Butler county, O., January 1, 1863, a son of Elias Eberly. Elias Eberly was an agriculturist of Butler county who came to Montgomery during the latter '60s and took up property in the vicinity of Liberty, in Jefferson township. There he founded the family homestead and developed a valuable property, the remainder of his life being passed in the cultivation of the soil. At his death his community lost a citizen who had the respect and esteem of the people of his community without exception. Arthur L. Eberly was still a small child when brought by his parents to Montgomery county, and here his education was secured in the district schools. He grew up an intelligent, well-trained man, and when it came to a choice of life's vocations he unhesitatingly adopted farming as the medium through which to work out his success. He remained on the old home place, near Liberty, and when he secured its ownership made numerous changes and improvements and year by year added to its value. Being a man who had always taken an interest in affairs not limited to his own immediate scope, he began to enter public matters, and in due time was chosen as township clerk of Jefferson. He discharged the duties of this office in such a capable and thorough manner that he retained the position for fifteen consecutive years, in the meantime also serving as clerk on the board of education. He continued to be actively engaged in farming, in the meanwhile, until November, 1912, when he was elected a member of the Montgomery county board of commissioners. He was reelected in 1914, and again in 1916, and at the last election was chosen as president of the board, which office he holds today.

Throughout his official life, his record has been absolutely clean and will bear the closest scrutiny. Mr. Eberly was married January 17, 1898, to Miss Gertrude A. Lambert, a daughter of John Lambert, of Jefferson township, who has for years been engaged in farming there.

Chester A. Eby, who has been engaged in the practice of law at Germantown, Ohio, since 1909, has impressed his fellow citizens favorably through his honorable methods of law practice and through personal qualities which command respect and engage confidence. Mr. Eby is a native of Germantown, born April 12, 1883, son of Owen T. and Elizabeth (East) Eby, the latter of whom was born at Germantown and still lives here. The father of Mr. Eby who was born at Sunbury, Ohio, was long a resident of Germantown, where he was engaged in the tobacco business, and was active in Republican political circles and served as postmaster of this city during the administration of President Harrison. He is remembered with high esteem by everyone. Chester A. Eby completed the public school course at Germantown, then went to Dayton to pursue the study of law, and during one year was a student in the office of Sprigg & Fitzgerald, later was with the firm of Wright & Ozias, and in June, 1907, was admitted to the bar. He entered into practice at Dayton but returned to Germantown in 1909, where he has built up a solid, lucrative practice. Among his important clients may be mentioned the Germantown Building & Savings association, a careful, old and conservative concern disposed to make investments and choose an attorney with deliberation. The Germantown Building & Savings association was established January 12, 1887, and it operates with a capital of $500,000. The officers are: Charles W. Hildabolt, president; John C. Schaeffer, secretary; and Collin L. Hildabolt, treasurer. Mr. Eby has charge of all the law business connected with the association. September 12, 1909, Mr. Eby married Miss Ellen L., daughter of L. D. Poock, of Dayton. Mrs. Eby passed away November 19, 1910. Mr. Eby belongs to the Montgomery County Bar association. In Masonic life he belongs to Germantown Lodge No. 257 F. & A. M., and is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, having taken the degrees at Dayton and is also a member of Antioch Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. of Dayton. Among other organizations in which he has membership are the following: the Junior Order United American Mechanics, the Odd Fellows, the Rebekahs, and the Daughters of America.

Jacob Eby. The counties of Preble and Montgomery have benefited by the stable citizenship and capable agricultural activities of Jacob Eby during a long and uniformly successful career, and this highly-respected resident of Madison township is now known as one of the well-to-do representative men of his community. His entire life has been passed in the midst of agricultural surroundings, for he was born on a farm near Farmersville, in Montgomery county, June 23, 1843, being a son of Wilson and Elizabeth (Stover) Eby, natives of near Hagerstown, Md. Wilson Eby, who was a farmer by vocation, migrated to Ohio and took up his residence near Farmersville at an early day, but subsequently

moved to Preble county, where his activities were centered during the balance of his life, his death occurring in November, 1884. He was a Democrat in his political faith and he and his worthy and capable wife were devout members of the German Baptist church. They were the parents of nine children, namely: Nancy Jane, deceased; Jacob, of this review; Susanne, deceased; Catherine, the widow of Edward Hill, of Preble county; Wilson, a resident of Alberta, Canada; Christian, of Preble county; Daniel, a farmer of Madison township, Montgomery county; Elizabeth, the wife of Joseph France, of Preble county; and James, deceased. To the public schools of Preble county, Jacob Eby is indebted for his early education, and later he pursued a course at Wilt's Commercial college, at Dayton. Following this he took up farming in Preble county, but in 1880 changed his residence to Montgomery county, purchasing 154 acres in the northwest quarter of section 17, Madison township. Here he has since carried on agricultural operations with much success and has established a reputation not only as a skilled, thoroughly practical and scientifically learned tiller of the soil, but as a man of strict integrity and fidelity to high ideals. Politically a Democrat, he has not cared for office, but has always been ready to discharge the duties of citizenship, and while a resident of Preble county served for twelve years as a member of the board of school directors. December 24, 1867, Mr. Eby was united in marriage with Martha, daughter of Nathaniel Wesley and Esther Ann (Scott) Jordan, of Clermont county, Ohio, and four children were born to this union: Charles W., deceased, who left one child, Edith; Perry J., who resides with his parents; Daniel, a resident of Brookville, and Catherine Leone, residing at home.

William H. H. Ecki. From time immemorial, the legal profession has attracted to its ranks a very large percentage of the really brilliant men of all countries. It is, when rightly followed, one of the noblest of callings. It affords full play to Christian sympathy, and it holds a mighty prerogative, that of instigating exoneration of and restitution to the wrongly oppressed, or the administration of just retribution to the guilty. It does not afford room or opportunity to the weakling; but the strong it strengthens with a keener insight to human thought and feeling, with a more accurate realization of the obligations and responsibilities that are civilization's bequest to modern mankind. On the roster of members of the legal fraternity of Dayton, may be found William H. H. Ecki, who has been engaged in practice in this city for more than a quarter of a century, and who has risen to a high place in his profession. Mr. Ecki was born at Dayton, December 10, 1871, a son of Frederick Ecki, and received his early education in the graded schools and the Central High school. After his graduation from the latter, Mr. Ecki entered upon his studies for his chosen calling, enrolling as a student at the Cincinnati Law school, where he graduated with the class of 1893, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the bar June 1, of that year, and immediately began practice in the office of O. F. Davisson, where he remained for some seventeen years. This relation was severed in 1910, when Mr. Ecki started practice alone, and since then he has

built up a large general business, although he has specialized to some extent in the matter of building and loan associations. In this connection, since 1897, he has acted in the capacity of attorney for the Permanent Building & Loan association. He is equally at home in the various departments of his profession, and practices in all the courts, where he has established a reputation for a broad knowledge of his profession, astuteness and learning, power of oratory and absolutely unwavering fidelity to the cause and interests of his clients. He belongs to the Montgomery County Bar association and is esteemed by his fellow-members, who have had evidence of his loyalty to the best ethics of the calling which he honors. He likewise holds membership in several fraternal bodies and clubs. Mr. Ecki was married at Dayton to Miss Estella Steffey of this city.

Arthur A. Edgar. To win a full measure of success in manufacturing circles of Dayton requires more than ordinary ability which has been carefully trained along the lines of the special field in which an individual is engaged. In a city the size of Dayton, there is such keen competition, events crowd each other so closely, and circumstances play so important a part in the shaping of events, that the manufacturer must be a man capable of handling affairs with a confident grasp to effect satisfactory results. Among those of the younger generation who have possessed the necessary ability for successful participation in the city's manufacturing life is Arthur A. Edgar, president of the Ohio Tool company. Mr. Edgar was born at Ayr, Ontario, Canada, September 26, 1890, and received his education in the public school of his native place. When still a lad he went to Galt, Ontario, where he mastered the trade of toolmaker, and about the year 1905 came to the United States and first located at Bangor, Maine. Later he moved to Lynn, Mass., and then to Detroit, Mich., where he was employed by the Burroughs Adding Machine company and the Packard Motor Car company. After a short stay at Urbana, Ohio, Mr. Edgar came to Dayton, in April, 1913, and first found employment in the bicycle department of the Davis Sewing Machine company, later being with the Kidder & Oswald company. From the latter he went to the Dayton Tool company, as manager and director, but in August, 1918, disposed of his interests therein and became the founder of the Ohio Tool company, located at Nos. 10 and 12 Michigan avenue. Here forty people are employed in the manufacture of special tools, dies and fixtures, and in doing special engineering, and the plant has 7,000 square feet of floor space. In the year 1919 Mr. Edgar removed his business to No. 650 South Main street, where he has an up-to-date plant, with all new and modern machinery. During the period of the war, Mr. Edgar's business was engaged 100 per cent in government work. He is a thorough business man, with few outside interests, but is a public-spirited and constructive citizen, and a popular member of the United Commercial Travelers. In July, 1913, Mr. Edgar was united in marriage with Miss Ruth Craig, of Urbana, Ohio, and they are the parents of two children: George and Arthur, jr.

Carl H. Ehler, proprietor of the C. H. Ehler Electric company, of Dayton, is one of the progressive young business men of the city, whose interest is centered here and whose efforts may be relied upon to aid in the development of his community. He was born at West Alexandria, Ohio, February 24, 1891, a son of George and Marie L. (Hill) Ehler. George Ehler, who was a cigar manufacturer of Dayton for some years, is now deceased, but his widow survives him and makes her home in this city. Being but a child when his parents came to Dayton, Mr. Ehler was reared in this city, and attended its public schools. After leaving school he secured his first experience at being self-supporting with the National Cash Register company, and then after six months, was employed by various electrical companies. In 1914 Mr. Ehler established his present business, first as an electric repair shop, but later branching out until he now handles motors and electric appliances. The original location was at Fourth and St. Clair streets, but in the spring of 1915, removal was made to the present quarters. Employment is given to fifteen skilled workmen, and one salesman visits the trade on the road. The expansion of this business has been steady and healthy, and dictated by actual increase in sales such as justified the changes made. The First Lutheran church of Dayton holds Mr. Ehler's membership and receives his generous contributions. He belongs to the Electric club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Y. M. C. A., and is interested in all of these organizations. June 20, 1917, Mr. Ehler was united in marriage with Miss Iva Hoefler, a daughter of Charles Hoefler of Dayton.

Charles H. Eichelberger. In the case of some individuals it may seem as though success were an elusive and evasive quality, but it is almost universally found that failure is a result of a lack of one of the characteristics which may be acquired by all,—perseverance, energy, industry and resolute purpose. An analysis of the life records of successful men serves to show that these qualities have been predominant in them and have been the causation of their prosperity. At any rate, such has been the experience of Charles H. Eichelberger, of Dayton, who is widely known as a successful operator in real estate and as president of the Robert Realty company. He is still a young man and typical of the restless, progressive spirit of Dominant Dayton, where his entire career has been passed. Mr. Eichelberger was born at Dayton, June 26, 1886, a son of Andrew W. and Josephine M. (Hamilton) Eichelberger. He attended the public schools, including the Steele High school, and after his graduation from the latter prepared himself for a business career by taking a course in the Miami Commercial college. When he left that institution it was to accept a position with the Dayton Gas company, and there it was that his career really commenced. He started in at the bottom of the ladder, as an office clerk, but the industrious, capable and faithful manner in which he discharged his duties soon won him promotion, and this was repeated a number of times, so that when he left the concern he held the position of manager of the commercial department. During the nine years that he was with that business, he had gained much knowledge of business affairs, as well as of property values,

and during the latter part of his stay had, in a small way, dabbled in real estate. He thus became convinced that there was a future for him in the realty field and was encouraged by his first small successes to devote his entire time to the business. With characteristic resolution, once he had arrived at a decision, he immediately got his plans under way and in 1913 started in the business under his own name. Success was his practically from the start, and, desiring to broaden his scope, in 1915, he became the main factor in the incorporation of the Robert Realty company, for $10,000, of which he was made president, his associates in the venture being Harry Koeller, secretary and treasurer, and Elmer J. Focke, L. R. Kirkpatrick and Edith M. Eichelberger. A general real estate business is done and the firm enjoys an excellent reputation in business circles of Dayton and the surrounding country. While Mr. Eichelberger carefully weighs every proposition before he enters it, he is essentially a man of action and has had the courage to enter boldly into schemes and investments, where men of less bravery might have hesitated and lost. He belongs to the Dayton club and the Hills and Dales club and is generally popular in business and social life. His hearty support has been given to matters wherein public-spirited men engage to improve civic conditions and advance the general welfare. Mr. Eichelberger was married April 27, 1910, to Miss Edith M. McCarthy, daughter of Morris A. and Louise (Andrews) McCarthy, of Miamisburg, O., and to this union there has been born one son: Robert A., at home.

Fred O. Eichelberger. It is sometimes difficult for the layman to realize and duly appreciate the work of one of those men who are essentially an outcome of twentieth-century progressiveness, the engineers. The public, generally speaking, little realizes the importance of the work of those who labor for the service of mankind in this special direction. No man can enter upon this important field of endeavor, if he expects to succeed, without a complete and comprehensive training. This should include a sound perception of mathematics, physics, chemistry, hydraulics and mechanical engineering, and he should also have a practical working knowledge of geology, surveying and architecture, and be fully conversant with the nature and strength of the materials which he may be called upon to use. Of the men of the Miami valley who have followed this difficult calling with marked success, one who has a number of achievements to his credit is Fred O. Eichelberger, who is at present city engineer of Dayton and widely known in his vocation. Mr. Eichelberger was born at Dayton, August 3, 1883, and is a son of Daniel A. Eichelberger. He did not have the benefit of a collegiate training, as his schooling was limited to the graded and high schools, but as has been frequently pointed out, many men at the head of their professions have been largely self-taught. Mr. Eichelberger early evidenced a bent toward the work which he subsequently took up for his career, and his first experience and training therein was under F. J. Cellarius, the well-known Dayton engineer, with whom he remained from 1901 until 1903. He proved an apt scholar and made remarkably rapid

progress, so that in 1903 he was sent to California as bridge inspector for the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake railway. After one year in the West he returned to Dayton, where he rejoined Mr. Cellarius, and continued to be associated with him until January 1, 1906, when he received his first city appointment, being made transit man. Six months later he was given the post of second assistant city engineer, and was then advanced to assistant engineer, but in 1908 was put on special work, as engineer in charge of sewerage work. In 1912 he again became first assistant engineer, and May 1, 1915, received his appointment to his present position, that of city engineer. Since he has been identified with the city office, Mr. Eichelberger has had some remarkable experiences, the principal of which occurred during the great flood of 1913, when the ingenuity of the engineers of the city was taxed to its utmost in relieving conditions. During his administration as chief of the department he has been successful in the establishing of a number of reforms and a betterment of the department in several ways. Mr. Eichelberger is widely known in his vocation, and is a member of the American Society of Municipal Improvements and of the New England Water Works association, and the Engineers' club of Dayton. He is fraternally identified with the Royal League. He was married at Dayton to Miss Olive Manning, daughter of Fred Manning, of Brookville, O., and they have one child: John F. Eichelberger.

Robert J. Elder. Continuous service to the general public extending over a period of thirty-five years entitles any concern to more than passing mention, and when its interests have been conserved by members of the same family during that entire time the solidity of the house is proven. Dayton is fortunate to number among some of its most important and flourishing business establishments some which have been developed by father and son, all changes being made for the betterment of conditions and the extension of service. Among similar concerns, none stands higher in the estimation of its competitors and the general public than the Elder & Johnston company, whose mammoth department store is one of Dominant Dayton's leading commercial assets. The president of this old and well established concern is Thomas Elder, one of the founders, and Robert J. Elder, his son, is vice-president and merchandise manager. Thomas Elder was born at Harrisburg, December 3, 1845, and received his education in the public schools. During his early life he was a traveling salesman for twelve or fourteen years for Jordan, Marsh & company, of Boston, Mass., but in 1883 came to Dayton, where he speedily made associations that led to the founding of the present business. The business, at first known as Elder, Hunter & Johnston company, began its career March 31, 1883, at 114-116 E. Third street, but two years later moved to 14-16 E. Third street, and with the withdrawal of Mr. Hunter, in about 1887, assumed the style of Elder & Johnston. In 1898 the business was moved to its present location, on South Main street, and in 1912 the store was extended to the corner of Fourth and South Main streets. The firm was incorporated in February, 1905, to the amount of $300,000, and at that time Thomas

Elder was made president; Russel Johnston, secretary and treasurer; and A. McMarshall, vice-president. At this time the capital stock is $600,000, and the officers: Thomas Elder, president: Robert J. Elder, vice-president and merchandise manager; A. McMarshall, secretary; and W. L. Fischer, treasurer. From 450 to 500 people are employed in this great establishment, which in its every detail is an exemplification of the true spirit of middle west enterprise and progress. In this complete department store there are seven acres of floor space, whereon can be found groceries, house furnishings, dry goods, clothing, shoes, draperies, rugs, chinaware, automobile supplies and furnishings, with special departments for millinery, books, bakery goods, candy, ladies' coats and suits, cameras, sewing machines, electric fixtures, hair dressing, jewelry, optical goods, toilet and patent medicines department, oriental rugs, victrolas and wall paper. The concern has the largest shoe department in the city, particularly in the way of ladies' shoes, and there are sixty-three departments in all. This store also has its own dining room and lunch counter, and maintains a U. S. subpostal station for the accommodation of its patrons. Also the concern has its own electric lighting plant, pumps and motors, and one of the best and most efficient delivery systems to be found in the city. As the architect of his own fortunes Mr. Elder builded wisely and well upon the sure foundation of unfaltering enterprise, indomitable perseverance and absolute and unswerving integrity. He belongs to that class of men who wield a power that is all the more potent from the fact that it is moral rather than political, and is exercised for the public weal instead of for personal ends. He has various business connections, and is a director in the Dayton National bank, and president of the Gem City Building & Loan association. He holds membership in the Greater Dayton association, and with his family belongs to the Third Street Presbyterian church, in which he has long served as an elder. He was married to Miss Tacie Jarrett, of Philadelphia, Pa., and they are the parents of four children: Mary, the wife of A. McMarshall, of Dayton; Robert J.; Elsie J., the wife of E. F. Claggett, of Columbus, O.; and Helen T., who is engaged in Red Cross reclamation work in France, under the auspices of the Philadelphia Friends Society. Robert J. Elder, son of Thomas Elder, was born at Dayton, February 1, 1884, and received his early education in the public schools. Later he pursued his preparatory studies at Lawrenceville, N. J., and his collegiate course was prosecuted at Princeton university, where he was graduated with the class of 1908, having pursued a course in engineering. For one year he was employed in the New York office of the Elder & Johnston company, following which he returned to Dayton and became connected with the Elder & Johnston company, where he soon became assistant manager, and later was made, as now, vice-president and manager of the merchandise department. He is accounted one of the capable, progressive and thoroughly informed merchants of Dayton, and has in the fullest degree the confidence of his associates. Mr. Elder is a member of the Dayton Country club, Kettle club and of the Dayton Bicycle club. He was married February 1, 1911,

to Miss Annie Lee Brown of Dayton, and they are the parents of two children: Robert and Dorothy Lee.

Lewis E. Ellis. Whether it was chance or fate that led Lewis E. Ellis to Dayton in 1900, it is certain that the growing metropolis gained thereby a valuable citizen and at the same time that there came to him in the community of his choice excellent business opportunities, the improvement of which has brought him to a prominent position among the business men in his line of activity. The period of his residence here has covered nearly two decades, and during this time he has kept pace with the commercial and industrial development of the city, where he now occupies a deservedly recognized place of prestige as one of the proprietors of the Gem City Ice Cream Manufacturing company. Mr. Ellis was born on a farm in the vicinity of Jamestown, Greene county, Ohio, September 25, 1870, a son of Elisha Ellis, and received only ordinary advantages in his youth, for while many of his companions had leisure for play his spare time was largely filled with hard work. He received his education in the public schools of Bowersville, Greene county, but at the age of thirteen years laid aside his school books to become self-supporting, and when twenty years of age went to Indianapolis, where he secured employment with the Furnas Ice Cream company, and while he had no advantages other than those of great ambition and marked determination, his industry was such that he won advancement from place to place, at all times displaying his inherent ability, until he became superintendent of the plant of that concern, a position which he held for some years. In 1900, being ready to embark upon a career of his own, Mr. Ellis came to Dayton, where he founded the Gem City Ice Cream company. Here he established himself in a modest manner at No. 1005-1007 W. Third street, and started to handle dairy products and manufacture ice cream. In 1902 George D. Antrim was admitted to partnership, and since then the business has continued to grow and develop until it has now reached large proportions. The concern makes a specialty of manufacturing ice cream, the daily output being 2,000 gallons, and thirty-five people are given employment. The present plant, at the same address as the original building, while a large and modern one, is not proving sufficient for their needs. In 1919, the company built an addition next door to their present plant, which will give them an additional 9,600 square feet of floor space, or a total of 18,400 square feet. The company owns its own ice plant, with a capacity of sixty tons per day, as well as its own office building and garage, and eight large trucks and three delivery wagons supply the customers throughout Dayton and the surrounding country. Whatever success Mr. Ellis has made of his life, and it is not inconsiderable, has been due entirely to his own initiative and resource, coupled with indomitable energy and persevering industry. He is a member of Grace Methodist Episcopal church, and is fraternally affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the Masons, in which he is a member of the Grotto and has attained the thirty-second Scottish Rite degree, in addition to being a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He holds membership also in the Kiwanis club,

and the Y. M. C. A., and has numerous connections of a civic character. January 12, 1899, Mr. Ellis was united in marriage with Anna B., daughter of J. Fletcher Zimmerman, of Greene county, Ohio, and they are the parents of two children: Helen A. and Herbert R., both of whom reside with their parents.

Nelson Emmons, Jr., whose numerous important business connections at Dayton place him among the successful and prominent men of the city, while not a Daytonian by birth has resided here from boyhood and is strictly a product of its institutions. His educational and business training were secured in this city, here his entire career has been passed, and here he has found the opportunities in which his abilities have brought him success. His career is one which reflects credit upon him and his life has been one that is an exemplification of the phrase "self-made" manhood. Mr. Emmons was born at Boston, Mass., February 7, 1873. He was but a child when brought to Dayton by his parents, and here his education was secured in the public schools, following which he prepared himself for participation in commercial affairs by a course at Wilt's Business college. When he entered business life it was as an employee in the shops of the Dayton Manufacturing company, but soon thereafter he entered the offices as a bill clerk, and this gave him the opportunity he desired of demonstrating his ability, his work gaining him consecutive and merited promotion. From one position to another he rose, until about 1908 he was made assistant general manager, and in the elections of January, 1917, he was chosen vice-president, a post which he still retains. He has had much to do with the success and increasing prosperity of this concern, to which he has given the greater share of his attention, although he has numerous connections of a business and financial nature, and is vice-president of the Gerkins Oil company, president of the Manufacturers Production company, secretary of Davies-Young Soap company and a director of the Dayton Savings and Trust company. He has interested himself actively in the work of the local Y. M. C. A., of which he is a member; and holds membership also in the Rotary, Dayton and Dayton Country clubs in addition to which he belongs to the Knights of Pythias and is a thirty-second degree Mason and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. Until recently he was a member of the Federal District board for Ohio. Mr. Emmons married Miss Mary Louise Osborn, daughter of Robert Osborn of Dayton, and two children have been born to them: Nelson III and Jeanette Helene.

Joseph B. Endress, Jr. While tobacco, in some of its various forms of modern manufacture, is familiar to almost every one, it is possible that many of its ardent users have no idea of the antiquity of the plant's known history, or even of the many careful processes it goes through before it reaches them in its preferred shape. Ohio has been interested in the tobacco industry for very many years and in Montgomery county one of the oldest and still continuing companies is known as the Pioneer Leaf Tobacco company, of which Joseph B. Endress, Jr., a well known business man and prominent citizen of Germantown, is president. He was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, March 6, 1865, son of Joseph Endress. He was

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educated in the public schools of Germantown, and Cooper Academy, Dayton, then assisted his father, thereby gaining a practical knowledge of the leaf tobacco business. The Pioneer Leaf Tobacco company was established in 1865, by Joseph Endress, at Germantown, and continued under his management until 1886, when he retired, his death following in 1901. He was succeeded by his son, Joseph B. Endress, who continued alone until 1907, when he admitted A. C. Kercher to a partnership, Mr. Kercher retiring in 1917 in favor of E. A. Kern. This partnership continues and they control a business of great volume, in 1918 over 1,000,000 pounds of tobacco being handled. Modern methods as have been found desirable, have been introduced into factory and warehouse, and forty people are on the company's pay roll. July 2, 1886, Mr. Endress married Miss Josie Turner, daughter of Andrew Raines, of Germantown, and they have one daughter, Nellie Marie, who is the wife of Harry M. Wolfe, of Dayton. Mr. Endress is a Thirty-second degree Mason. He belongs to the Elks lodge at Dayton, and to the Odd Fellows and the Foresters.

Rolla E. Engle. There is a class of men who in their own communities and in their special lines of endeavor are naturally accorded leadership. This industrial or commercial sovereignty is conferred by general recognition of superior ability. Varied talents adapt these men to captain enterprises of a varied nature, and they are thus placed in positions where they may advance the business interests of their several communities while at the same time placing themselves in positions of prestige. In this class is found Rolla E. Engle, secretary, treasurer and associate manager of the Dayton Pump & Manufacturing company, of Dayton, whose career has been one of steady advancement, won through recognition of merit. Mr. Engle is a product of the agricultural community of the Miami valley, having been born on a farm in Montgomery county, O., January 2, 1884, a son of Abraham M. and Hannah (Cassel) Engle. His father, who passed the active years of his life in agricultural pursuits, retired during his later years and moved to Dayton, where his death occurred, the mother subsequently removing to West Milton, O., where she now makes her home. Rolla E. Engle was given his education in the Butler township schools, the West Milton High school and Jacobs Business college, Dayton, and his first business experience was acquired as stenographer for the Platt Iron works. In 1908 he left that concern and became identified with the Sanitary Pump company, which in 1910 was changed to the Dayton Pump Manufacturing company, as stenographer and bookkeeper, and continued to act in those capacities until 1913, when he was elected secretary and treasurer of the concern, to the duties of which offices he has since added those of associate manager. In his official connection with this concern, Mr. Engle has much of the responsibility for directing the policy and activities of a company that has increased its capital ten-fold in as many years. The Sanitary Pump company was established in 1908, at which time it was capitalized at $100,000, the plant being on Canal street, and the officers as follows: F. M. Tait, president; William Stroop, vice-president; C. E. Burnett, secretary and gen-

eral manager, and Charles Wuichit, treasurer. In 1910 the business had grown to such an extent that it was necessary to seek larger quarters, which were found in the Beaver Power Building, on St. Clair street, but these also proved inadequate, and in 1911 removal was made to the present location, at the corner of Fifth and Norwood streets. At that time the officials were: F. M. Tait, president and general manager; William Stroop, vice-president; Charles Wuichit, secretary and treasurer, and W. T. Hatmaker, sales manager. In 1913 there was another reorganization, when the following officers were elected: F. M. Tait, president; W. T. Hatmaker, vice-president and general manager; Rolla F. Engle, secretary and treasurer, and James Pocock, assistant secretary and treasurer. In 1914 the capital stock was increased to $375,000, with the same officers directing affairs, but in 1915 W. T. Hatmaker was advanced to president and general manager, and A. J. Pocock to the vice-presidency. In 1917 the capital stock was again increased, this time to $1,000,000, and F. M. Tait again assumed the executive positions of president and general manager; A. J. Pocock was retained as vice-president; Rolla E. Engle continued to occupy the positions of secretary and treasurer and was also given the title of associate manager, and J. M. Deam became auditor, these being the present officials. Ten years ago, or a little more, when the company started upon its career, it had five or six employees; today it has sixty employees working in the large, modern, well-equipped plant, where there are 28,000 square feet of floor space. The main products of the concern are electric motor driven pumps and water supply systems, and Rapidayton Self Measuring Gasoline pumps and tanks. These trade names, "Dayton" and "Rapidayton," are known throughout the country as a mark of quality, and the company maintains branch offices at New York, St. Louis, San Francisco, Atlanta and Wilmington, Del., in addition to which there are several district agencies. Mr. Engle has been an active factor in the great success which has come to this concern, and his careful, conservative work has been combined with good judgment and a certain amount of progressiveness in a manner that has contributed immeasurably to his own success. He was married in 1908 to Miss Ethel Landis, daughter of Jacob and Francena Landis, of Dayton, and they have two children: Julia F. and Phillip L., both residing with their parents.

Uriah Engleman, whose death occurred February 6, 1915, and who conducted a flour mill at Miamisburg for forty-three years, was born in Carroll county, Md., February 6, 1840. His parents, William and Eliza (Townsend) Engleman, were pioneers of that state and were of German and Irish extraction, respectively. He acquired his education in the public schools of his native state and when about nineteen years of age started out in life for himself. He learned the milling trade in his father's mill near New Windsor, Md., and followed that vocation all his life. In 1859 Mr. Engleman went to Franklin, Warren county, Ohio, and conducted a flour mill owned by Death & Croll, for two years, and then went to New York City and for a time worked at the cooper's trade, after which he conducted his father's mill in Carroll county, Md., for a

little over two years. In 1866 he went to Erie, Mich., where he had charge of a mill owned by Washington Delphy for several months, and then went to Germantown, Montgomery county, Ohio, and conducted a mill there for three years for Michael Schuey. He then came to Miamisburg, Ohio, and purchased a flour mill owned by Jacob Schuey and conducted it for forty-three years. He improved the mill from time to time until before his retirement from the business he had a modern mill with all the latest improvements and had built up a wonderful trade in his community. About 1913 he retired from active business and from that time until the present the mill has been conducted by his son-in-law, Elwood Waters. He was one of the active men of his city in many ways and served as a member of the city council and was always interested in the welfare of the community. He was a member of the First Methodist church of Miamisburg, of which he was treasurer for about twenty-two years, and was a Republican in his political affiliations. Mr. Engleman was a member of the Odd Fellows at Miamisburg and was a man of many friends and no enemies. He was married November 1, 1863, to Sallie Marshall, of Franklin, Warren county, Ohio, daughter of John and Mary (Ely) Marshall, pioneers of Warren county, the father being one of the successful and influential men of that community. To Mr. and Mrs. Engleman there were born three daughters: Annetta, who is the widow of Otto Fromm and resides at Dayton; Edna May, wife of Charles F. Eminger, of Dayton, Ohio; and Grace Louella, the wife of Samuel Elwood Waters, of Miamisburg. Mrs. Engleman still maintains her home at Miamisburg, where she is surrounded by hosts of warm friends and is greatly admired for her sterling and admirable character. Mr. Engleman was active in all good work, and gave freely of his time and means to the furtherance of all matters tending to the public good.

Harry M. Estabrook. During a period of more than thirty-three years, Harry M. Estabrook's fortunes have been identified with those of the Barney & Smith Car company, and in this time he has steadily risen in position and the confidence of his associates until he now is one of the principal factors in the direction of this concern's policies and the attainment of its success. He entered the employ of what was then The Barney & Smith Manufacturing company August 17, 1885, and soon displayed superior mechanical skill and general capacity for painstaking labor that won him promotion. His first post of importance was that of assistant superintendent, to which he was appointed December 9, 1897, and a little over two years later, January 2, 1900, he was elected superintendent. He became a director of the company June 5, 1906, at which time he was elected to the office of second vice-president and general superintendent, and November 10, 1908, was elected to the office of vice-president and general superintendent, and was elected president of the company June 6, 1912, which position he occupied until May 31, 1918, when he retired from the company, and went to Washington, D. C., serving on the War Industries board during the war with Germany, and until January 1, 1919. Few men are better known in the car-building industry throughout the United States,

and few are deserving in greater degree of the esteem in which they are held by associates and employees alike.

Theodore D. Ettlinger. The consistent following of a certain line of endeavor with well-directed determination and strength of purpose, seldom fails of success. The individual who allows his attention to be diverted from one to another line of activity, fluctuating between various enterprises during his career, does not as a rule achieve anything noteworthy in the way of advancement. In the career of Theodore D. Ettlinger consistency has been a determining quality and has been one of the main factors in bringing him prominence in business affairs as president of the Willner Brothers company, dealers in men's and boys' clothing, hats, furnishing goods, etc. Mr. Ettlinger was born at Karlsruhe, Baden, Germany, November 17, 1863, and until he was sixteen years of age attended the public schools there. At that time he came to the United States and located at Chicago, Ill., where he secured employment in the cutting room of E. Rothchild & Brothers. Subsequently, he went to Leadville, Colo., where he engaged in the clothing business, and in 1891 removed to Evansville, Ind., where he followed the same line for five years. In 1896 he went to St. Louis, Mo., and then to Omaha, Neb., later going to Wilkes-Barre, Pa., in all of which communities he was engaged in business as a clothing merchant. Mr. Ettlinger came to Dayton in 1912, in August of which year, in partnership with B. W. Willett, he bought the Dayton store of Willner Brothers & company, which had been incorporated about 1901 by the Willner brothers, who had six other stores, one each at Chicago and Freeport, Ill., and Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, Dubuque and Iowa City, Iowa. The Dayton business was incorporated for $40,000, with B. W. Willett as president and treasurer and T. D. Ettlinger, vice-president and secretary. The business was conducted successfully until 1913, in which year it was washed out by the flood, and did not reopen until March 25, 1914. In the following year Mr. Ettlinger bought out the interests of all of his associates, and since has been the sole owner. The officials of the company at this time are: Theodore D. Ettlinger, president and treasurer; C. Ettlinger, vice-president; Leslie Meyer, secretary; and Lee Warren and James Coolidge, directors. Twenty-five salespeople are employed in the large store at the corner of Main and Fourth streets, where 9,000 square feet of floor space are utilized in the handling of boys' and men's clothing, furnishing goods, etc., and the business is now considered one of Dayton's firmly established commercial adjuncts. Mr. Ettlinger has many important connections in business circles and is a valued member of the Merchants and Retailers association of Dayton and the Dayton Chamber of Commerce. He is a Scottish-Rite degree Mason and Shriner, and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order B'nai B'rith. He belongs also to the Jewish Temple.

Eleanora S. Everhard, M. D., was born at Ripon, Wis., and after attending the public schools entered Ripon college, where she received the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts. For her medical studies she attended the University of Michigan,

and was graduated in 1896 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and for a time was resident physician and a member of the faculty of the Presbyterian College for Women, Columbia, S. C. Subsequently she had further experience at the New York Polyclinic and the dispensary of the New England hospital for Women and Children, at Boston, Mass. Doctor Everhard belongs to the Montgomery County Medical society, the Ohio State Medical society, the Mississippi Valley Medical association and the American Medical association. Like her professional associate she maintains membership in the Greater Dayton association, the Y. W. C. A., the Young Women's League and the Art and Symphony associations and was formerly a member of the executive board of the College Women's club. She was also chairman of the National Committee on Public Health Education among Women for a two years' period. The offices of Drs. Fèlker and Everhard are located in "The Calvert." Their appointments reflect the tastes and mentality of their occupants, and from them these skilled and talented women radiate a powerful influence for good and a moral and intellectual uplift.

William A. Ewing, M. D. Since his establishment at Dayton, in 1901, Dr. William A. Ewing has won the confidence and support of a large following and has demonstrated the possession of exhaustive professional knowledge and firm, reliable traits of character. His splendid talents have not alone served to gain for him a large and representative practice, but also a number of high honors of a professional nature. Doctor Ewing is a native of Montgomery county, Ohio, having been born in the thriving community of Verona, February 7, 1876. There he attended the public schools, following which he went to the high school at Greenville, Ohio, and upon his graduation therefrom to the Ohio State university. He next matriculated at the medical department of the University of Cincinnati, and his studies were further pursued at Jefferson Medical college, Philadelphia, where he was graduated in 1900, with the degree of M. D. Few men bring to their profession greater gifts of scholarship than does Doctor Ewing, who did not cease his studies upon leaving college halls, but has continued to be a close and careful student, and to avail himself of every opportunity to further his knowledge in order that he might be of greater service to his fellow-man in alleviating human ills. After securing his diploma and degree, Doctor Ewing became an interne in the Miami Valley hospital at Dayton, and while serving in this capacity decided to make this city his future place of residence and scene of practice. Accordingly, when he had completed his interneship, he opened offices here, and has since continued to be engaged in the practice of surgery, with constantly increasing practice and success. His offices are now on the eighth floor of the Fidelity Medical building, where he has every appurtenance known to the profession for the performing of even the most intricate and delicate operations. Doctor Ewing is secretary of the Big Four Railway Medical association and surgeon for the Big Four and Erie railways at Dayton. He has in every way shown his determination to keep abreast of the most modern methods of medical

and surgical practice, and is a member of the Montgomery County Medical society, the Ohio State Medical society, the American Medical association and the Dayton Academy of Medicine. He belongs also to the surgical staff of the Miami Valley hospital. The Doctor has a pleasing and confidence inspiring personality, and beside professional skill and enthusiasm has a keen sense of the ethics and possibilities of his calling. Fraternally, he is a Mason of high standing, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and is likewise a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. His social connections include membership in the Dayton, Dayton Country and Buz Fuz clubs. The industry, purpose and ideals of Doctor Ewing have tended to the most substantial in professional life, as well as to the most elevating in ethical, educational and civic growth. He was married November 26, 1902, to Miss Emeline Davenport, daughter of Wilbur Davenport, of Wilkes Barre, Pa., and they are the parents of two children: Mary, who was born in 1904; and Jane, born in 1911.

Elmer F. Ewry, D. D. S. In adding to its roll the name of Dr. Elmer F. Ewry in 1912, the dental fraternity of Dayton became possessed of a practitioner who had the preparation, natural talent and professional inclination to become an agent for useful accomplishment in his field of endeavor. During the time that he has practiced dentistry in this city it has been his fortune to have established a name and place for himself in his calling and to have secured and held the confidence of a large and consistently growing practice. Doctor Ewry was born at Cedarville, Ohio, June 10, 1888, and obtained his early education in the public schools there. Subsequently, he attended Starling Ohio Medical college, Columbus, Ohio, and received his degree of D. D. S. as a member of the class of 1911. His real professional work began at Dayton, in 1912, when he became associated with Dr. P. W. Dustin, and this connection continued from August of that year until January, 1914, when it was dissolved by mutual consent. Since that time Doctor Ewry has practiced alone, with the favorable results before mentioned. He has offices at No. 642 S. Wayne avenue, where he has every appliance known to modern dental surgery. He is a deft, sure and skilled operator and a close student of his science, and a natural kindheartedness and gentleness adds much to his professional equipment. He belongs to the Miami Valley Dental society, the Ohio State Dental society and the American Dental association, and to the Xi Psi Phi college dental fraternity. He likewise holds membership in Mystic Lodge of Masons and is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner. Personally he is popular with a wide circle of friends, and professionally has the respect and esteem of his fellow-practitioners. Doctor Ewry was married January 1, 1913, to Miss Julia Leslie, of Gallipolis, Ohio, and they have one son: Carl Leslie.

Neil W. Eyer. Mr. Eyer was born at Dayton, October 19, 1882, a son of Albert M. and Nellie B. (Wolf) Eyer, and on both sides of the family belongs to old and honored families of the Gem City, where his parents were born. His father, who is now deceased, was for some years a member of the firm of John U. Eyer

& Son, furniture dealers; also of Sullivan & Eyer, proprietors of a bookstore, and subsequently was identified with Everybody's Book Shop, conducted by C. W. Bieser. Mrs. Eyer still survives her husband as a resident of Dayton. Neil W. Eyer received a public school education and when he had graduated from the Steele High school in 1901, secured a position with the Big Four railroad. A short time thereafter he went to Pocatello, Idaho, and for seven years was with the Oregon Short Line, of the Harriman railroads, subsequently going to Ogden, Utah, as secretary to the superintendent of the Southern Pacific railway. He was located next for four years at Sparks, Nev., as chief clerk and for a year at Salt Lake City, Utah, as assistant chief clerk to the assistant general manager and then returned to Dayton, where he embarked in the steel and metal brokerage business, with which he has since been identified, his offices being located in the Dayton Savings and Trust building. Mr. Eyer is a broker in brass, copper, bronze rods, dies, pressed parts, screw stock, shafting, drill rods, machines, steel shapes, tool steel, sheet metal, etc. Mr. Eyer's energetic nature, his sound business principles, his cool, clear judgment and his absolute integrity, have combined to place him in an enviable position in business circles, and few men are better known in his line of activity. He has been greatly interested in the work of the Boy Scouts, and at present is contributing his services as treasurer of this organization at Dayton. Also he is widely and popularly known in club circles, and holds membership in the Dayton, Kiwanis and Kettle clubs. His good citizenship has been displayed on a number of occasions where he has contributed of his time, ability and means in the furtherance of worthy civic measures. June 19, 1906, Mr. Eyer was united in matrimony with Nancy Eleanor, daughter of Walter W. and Nancy (Dye) Worman, of Dayton. To this union there have come two children: Betty W. and Walter W., who are attending the public schools.

William F. Fackler. A resident of Dayton for fifty-five years, William F. Fackler has been identified with several lines of business endeavor, and since 1904 has been connected with the Gem City Planing Mill and Lumber company as a partner. From the close of the Civil war, in which he took part, to the present, he has contributed his share to the industrial and commercial development of the city, and few men can boast of better records and none of cleaner reputations. Mr. Fackler was born at Middletown, Ohio, May 1, 1848, and as a lad was taken by his parents to Germantown, where he received his education in the public schools. For a time he followed farming in the vicinity of Farmersville, but subsequently went back to Germantown, where he joined his father in a grist and saw mill, a business which was later sold. When the Civil war came on, Mr. Fackler was under the age of enlistment. and he was still to reach his sixteenth birthday when, February 14, 1864, he was accepted as a drummer in Company E, 31st Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, an organization with which he served until August 20, 1865. At that time he came to Dayton, where he shortly engaged in work at the painter's trade, but later entered the milling business, and still later the wholesale lumber

business. October 8, 1904, he became one of the founders of the Gem City Planing Mill and Lumber company, a co-partnership, in which his associates are R. T. Shuey and C. F. Blank. The plant and yards are situated at 219-221 S. Williams street, and the company handles all kinds of lumber and does all manner of mill work. Thirty-five people are constantly employed by this concern, which has enjoyed a steady and continuous growth, and among its products are sash, doors, blinds, mouldings, interior finish, etc. Mr. Fackler has always been interested in the Grand Army of the Republic and belongs to Old Guard Post of Dayton. He assisted in laying out the grounds of the Old Soldiers' Home, at Dayton, and had the honor of raising the first flag that flew from its staff. He likewise holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Protective Home Circle, and, with his family, belongs to the Euclid Avenue United Brethren church. In business circles he is known as a man of the strictest integrity, and his associates have the utmost confidence in his ability and judgment. June 18, 1884, Mr. Fackler married Anna M. Ada, of Farmersville, Montgomery county, Ohio, and they have three children: Pearl M., the wife of Ollie J. Reed of Miamisburg, Ohio; Fred R., of Dayton; and May O., the wife of Edgar L. Powers, of Dayton. During the past thirty years Mr. Fackler has been a director in the American Building and Loan association, and for several years has served as a member of the board of appraisers. At various times he has been identified with movements which have contributed to the city's development, and his public service has included six years of helpful work as a member of the board of equalization.

Alfred Gibson Farmer, M. D., was born in Elizabethtown, Hardin county, Kentucky, June 4, 1877. He received his preliminary education in the public and high schools of Louisville, Kentucky, and Ohio university, Athens, Ohio. He graduated from the Medical Department of Kentucky university, Louisville, June 30, 1904, and after a year's post-graduate work entered the Medical Service of the Panama canal, remaining in the Government service there from 1905 to 1915, the ten years of active construction of the canal. He was assigned to duty at different periods at both Ancon and Colon hospital and at Gatun, Corozal and other districts of the big canal. After returning to the United States in 1915 he studied at the New York Post Graduate Medical school and hospital. In March, 1916, he was commissioned First Lieutenant, Medical Reserve Corps, United States Army and served as such for eight months as Eye and Ear Surgeon to the Army and Navy General Hospital, Hot Springs, Ark. When the United States entered the World War Dr. Farmer was again ordered to active duty. After six weeks' duty at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, he was sent to Wilbur Wright Aviation Field, Ohio, where he served as Post Surgeon till the end of the war. He was promoted to Captain, Medical Corps, in August 1917, and Major, Medical Corps, in November of the same year. On his discharge from the military service in March, 1919, he entered practice in his specialty of eye, ear, nose and throat, in association with Doctor Howard V. Dutrow of

Dayton. In January, 1910, Doctor Farmer was married to Miss Minnie L. Cuckler, of Athens, Ohio, at Colon, Panama. Mrs. Farmer was, prior to her marriage, professor of piano and pipe organ at Ohio university, Athens, Ohio. Their daughter, Margaret Louise, was born at Colon hospital, Panama, November 29, 1914.

James P. Farrell, president and general manager of The Farrell, Stoneham & Thompson company, of Dayton, is one of the reliable contracting mechanical engineers of the Miami valley, and a man who has made his way in the world. He was born at Springfield, Ohio, May 9, 1881, and was reared at Dayton, where he attended the public schools. His first business experience was with the Dayton Globe Iron works, and he remained with them for six years as a designer. He then went with Stilwell-Bierce Smith-Vaile company, and for two years was in charge of the low pressure turbine designing. For the subsequent nine years Mr. Farrell was chief engineer of Wellman, Seaver, Morgan company, of Cleveland, Ohio, hydro-electric department, and then for eighteen months was chief engineer of the Troy Wagon works. During the next two years Mr. Farrell was with the Dayton Stamping & Tool company, and subsequently spent six months as secretary and treasurer of the Miller-Farrell Engineering company. Then, in April, 1918, he, with W. A. Stoneham and William A. Thompson, incorporated the Farrell, Stoneham & Thompson company, for $6,000, with W. A. Thompson as president, J. P. Farrell as vice-president and general manager, and W. A. Stoneham as secretary and treasurer. The business of the company is tool engineering, designing, building, etc. Employment is given to twenty-two people, and salesmen are kept on the road, the territory being all over the United States. January 1, 1919, Mr. Farrell and Mr. Stoneham bought the interest of Mr. Thompson, and the officials now are: J. P. Farrell, president, and W. A. Stoneham, secretary and treasurer. Although a new concern, this is already recognized as a very substantial company, and the men at its head inspire confidence with the trade. Mr. Farrell is an associate member of the Society of Automotive Engineers. Mr. Farrell was married June 14, 1914, to Clara L., daughter of John P. Foose, of Dayton. Mr. and Mrs. Farrell have one son: James Edward.

Jacob M. Fasnacht. Another of the charming little farms which lie in the Miami valley is beautifully situated on the Pyrmont pike, known as Bonnie View farm, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Fasnacht, who are young people of their community known and respected for their sterling and admirable traits of character. Jacob M. Fasnacht was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, July 1, 1891, the youngest of three sons and one daughter born to William F. and Mary (Shaner) Fasnacht. Two of these children are residents of Montgomery county and one of Darke county, and of them, Rev. Herbert Earl, is a minister in Bethany college of the Church of the Brethren at Chicago. William F. Fasnacht is still living and a resident of Brookville. He was born in Pennsylvania, where he received only a common school education, and during the active years of his life he devoted himself to the pursuits of agriculture, in which he won success through his industry and integ-

rity in business transactions. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Church of the Brethren, in the faith of which denomination Mrs. Fasnacht died about 1901, she being interred in the Trissel cemetery, where an appropriate stone stands to mark her last resting-place. Jacob M. Fasnacht was reared in Montgomery county, where he received the advantages to be gained by attendance at the public schools. He was brought up to follow agricultural pursuits and began to work as a wage-earner at an early age, his first compensation being $14 per month. For eight years he worked for wages, during which time he learned the lessons of frugality and economy, which assisted him to gain the position which he holds in his community today. He was married to Miss Florence A. Snyder, December 24, 1915, and two children have been born to them: a son who died, and Lillian Merle, the light of the home. The little son, Ralph, was a bright and lovable baby and his death was a great shock to his parents, who tenderly cherish a number of pictures of the little fellow and little possessions of his baby days. Mrs. Fasnacht was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, December 24, 1895, a daughter of Cephas E. and Irene (Kimmel) Snyder. Mrs. Fasnacht's sister, the only other child, and her parents, are deceased. It was in 1916 that Mr. and Mrs. Fasnacht settled on Bonnie View farm, and here they have labored unceasingly in bringing it to the present perfection. It comprises forty-six acres of fertile and productive land, and all the buildings are modern in character and in the finest of repair. Mrs. Fasnacht is a person whose cordial, genial manner has made her many friends. She received a good education in her girlhood, and has been a constant inspiration to her husband in assisting him to position and prosperity. Mr. Fasnacht is not a politician. He holds independent views in political matters, and votes for the man whom he deems best fitted for the office, regardless of party ties. He and his wife are members of the Church of the Brethren at Brookville, and have aided materially in a financial way in sustaining the work of the church. In 1910 and again in 1912 Mr. Fasnacht made trips to Idaho, where he enjoyed the beautiful scenery in the vicinity of Twin Falls, but on each occasion was more than glad to return to his native Miami valley, which will always be his home. The family residence is one of the cheerful ones of Perry township, and both Mr. and Mrs. Fasnacht are delightful hosts, who make stranger and friend alike welcome at the portals of their abode. They are representatives of the best type of the agricultural class to be found in this region, and are eminently worthy of representation in the Memoirs of the Miami Valley.

Eli Fasold. More than fifty years have passed since Eli Fasold took his first degree in Freemasonry, and he is not only one of the oldest but also one of the most widely known Masons in the state of Ohio, being at this time secretary of the Masonic Temple company at Dayton, and secretary of the Accepted Scottish-Rite bodies. For many years he was prominent in manufacturing circles of the city, and during his entire career he has worthily held a position of high esteem as business man, Mason and citizen. He was born at Sunbury, Pa., February 22, 1838, a son of John Fasold, now

deceased, who removed from Pennsylvania to the vicinity of Richmond, Ind., and there rounded out his career in agricultural pursuits. After completing his educational training in the public schools of Richmond, Eli Fasold went to Indianapolis, where he spent five years, and in 1866 came to Dayton. Prior to this, while living in Indiana, he had enlisted, April 20, 1861, in Company D, 8th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for six months. When he came to Dayton, Mr. Fasold became identified with the Singer Manufacturing company, and for forty years was manager of that concern. Since his retirement from business life he has interested himself chiefly in the duties connected with the fraternity of which he has so long been a member. Mr. Fasold became a member of the Masons at Dayton, June 9, 1869, and now holds membership in Mystic Lodge, No. 405, F. & A. M.; Unity Chapter, No. 16, R. A. M.; Reese Council No. 9, R. & S. M.; and Reed Commandery No. 6, of which he was eminent commander for five years. He is past master of Mystic Lodge and past high priest of Unity Chapter, and received the thirty-third degree in September, 1884. He was grand commander, Knights Templar of Ohio in 1884-85. As before noted, at this time he is secretary of the Masonic Temple company of Dayton and of the Accepted Scottish-Rite bodies. Few men have been more loyal in their support of the tenets and principles of this ages old order, and no man is held in greater esteem by his fellow-members and associates. With his family, Mr. Fasold belongs to the Westminster Presbyterian church. He was married October 5, 1862, to Miss Louisa Smith, of Richmond, Ind., and they became the parents of two children: Florence F., who makes her home with her father, and William S., who died in 1890. The mother of these children died April 28, 1919. Mr. Fasold has two grandchildren: Robert F. Ohmer, of Dayton, and Scott F. Ohmer, of Chicago, Ill.

Gertrude Felker, M. D. Within the past quarter of a century the feminine sex has made rapid strides forward. Although always recognized as the influence behind the workers of the world, it has not been until comparatively recent years that a woman has been permitted to give full scope to her ability and demonstrate her power to cope with almost every phase of life. The work has practically just commenced, although there are a few who have forged ahead of their companions and already have made their names stand for much that is elevating and learned in the world's work. Among these scholarly and capable women are found Drs. Gertrude Felker and Eleanora S. Everhard, who are associated in the practice of medicine at Dayton, in "The Calvert," and who are accomplishing much that is beneficial in civic, club and religious life. Dr. Gertrude Felker was born at Amboy, Ill., where she received her early education in the public schools, following which she went to Rockford college, and was graduated from that institution with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Her medical studies were pursued in the Medical Department of the University of Michigan, from which she received her degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1901, and then became an interne at the New England Hospital for Women and Children, at

Boston, Mass. Doctor Felker has also studied chemistry at the University of Wisconsin, and served an interneship under Doctor DeLee of Chicago, Ill. In January, 1903, she took up her residence and started her professional activities at Dayton, where she has since been engaged in a constantly increasing practice in association with Dr. Eleanora Everhard. Doctor Felker is a member of the Montgomery County Medical society, the Ohio State Medical society and the American Medical association, as well as of the Mississippi Valley Medical association, and served for two years as secretary of the Hygiene and Sanitary Science Section of the state organization. She holds membership in the Greater Dayton association, the Y. W. C. A., the Young Women's League and the Art and Symphony associations, and was the first president of the College Women's club, which was founded at Dayton in March, 1907. Her religious connection is with the First Presbyterian church. She has traveled extensively, and in 1909, in company with Doctor Everhard, attended the International Medical Congress, held at Buda Pesth, Hungary.

Henry R. Finfrock. Among the honored business men of Brookville, one who is eminently worthy of extended mention among the representative citizenship of the Miami Valley, is Henry R. Finfrock, the leading coal merchant of the thriving community mentioned. Mr. Finfrock traces his lineage back to the land of the thistle and the heather, Scotland, from which country his great-great-grandfather emigrated to America during this country's early history. He was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, March 20, 1863, the eldest in a family of nine sons and six daughters born to Benjamin and Phoebe (Ruse) Finfrock, and eleven of these children are still living, all but one being residents of Montgomery. Benjamin Finfrock was born in the old Keystone state, Pennsylvania, and was self-educated and a laborer by occupation, being at present a resident of Dayton. He is a Democrat in his political affiliation. Mrs. Finfrock, who was born in Ohio, died about 1894 in the faith of the United Brethren church. Henry R. Finfrock grew up as a member of a large family in which humble financial circumstances made it necessary that a large part of his education be self-gained. He started to work on a farm when little more than a lad at a wage of $8 per month, and at the age of eighteen years became an apprentice to the trade of carriage painting and trimming. He was thus employed industriously for a period of twenty-nine years, during which period he carefully saved his earnings so that in 1901 he was able to embark in the coal business on his own account at Brookville, although to add to his income spent a part of his time in working at his trade. His first few years were difficult ones, as his cash capital was very small at the outset, but his industry and perseverance eventually overcame all obstacles in his path, and today he is accounted one of the well-to-do business men of his community. In addition to his interests of a commercial nature, he and Mrs. Finfrock have a valuable property of five residential lots and two of the most modern residences in the city, built according to a recent style of architecture. Their own home contains the finest and most tastefully selected furnishings and their library

includes 200 volumes of the choicest literature. Also, Mr. Finfrock is the owner of sixty-two acres of well-cultivated farming property located three miles east of Brookville. In his rise to a position of independence among the business men of his community, Mr. Finfrock has had an able and faithful assistant in his wife, who has proved herself a good helpmate and capable business woman. Mr. Finfrock is independent in his political views, refusing to be confined by party lines, and votes for the man rather than the party. He was a member of the Brookville school board for fourteen years, this being ample evidence of his belief in the value of education and his willingness to give his services to the cause of higher and better learning, and was also a member of the town council for some years, in which body he was able to demonstrate his desire to be of help to his city in its development and advancement. He and his wife are faithful members of the Lutheran church, in the work of which they have done their full part. They are fond of travel, both for the pleasure derived and as a means of improving their minds and education, and in 1915 took an extended trip through the West with their daughter, Katherine, in which they first went to the Pacific coast, returning via the states of Colorado and Utah. It will be many years ere they forget the beauties of Mount Shasta, Cal., the wonders of Denver, and the great Mormon Temple at Salt Lake City, as well as the beautiful scenery viewed throughout the course of their trip. Mr. Finfrock was married February 24, 1889, to Ida May Keller, who was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, January 25, 1865, a daughter of Augustus and Catherine (Zentmyers) Keller. Mr. Keller was a native of Pennsylvania who emigrated west to Ohio with his parents at the age of four years, the family settling in Montgomery county, which continued to be his home and the scene of his activities as a brick and stone mason until his death, in September, 1917, when he was eighty-one years of age. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran church, and Mr. Keller's father was one of nine who founded the first Lutheran church at Dayton. Mr Keller and his wife were laid to rest in the Hill Grove cemetery, six miles west of Dayton, where a monument marks their final resting place. Mrs. Keller passed away in November, 1918, at the age of seventy-seven years. Mrs. Finfrock was educated in the public schools of near Lebanon and for several years was a modiste prior to her marriage, since which time she has worked devotedly in doing her part as wife and mother in the establishment of the happy home. Like her husband, she has numerous estimable qualities, and her friends are legion. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Finfrock. The eldest, Augustus J., was educated in the Brookville high school, following his graduation from which he became associated in the coal business with his father, he being the owner of a one-third interest in the enterprise as is also his brother. When the tocsin of war sounded, Augustus J. Finfrock was found ready to join those brave boys who crossed the Atlantic to put a quietus upon the great struggle then raging, enlisting in the 137th Ohio Regiment, and being connected with the aviation corps. He sailed for Europe in March, 1918, and upon his arrival in England began a course of intensive training

which lasted until eleven days before the signing of the armistice, when he was sent to the front. His services not being required he was sent home, landing at New York in March, 1919, and then going to Camp Sherman, where he was granted his honorable discharge and returned to his home, where he doffed the khaki for the clothes of the civilian and again resumed his duties in the coal business. His army record was an excellent one and served to heighten the esteem in which this popular young Brookville business man is held. B. B. Finfrock, the younger son, was also educated at the Brookville High school, and is associated with his father and brother in the coal business, being one of the rising young business men of the city. He is a member of Brookville Masonic Lodge, No. 596. Mr. Finfrock married Miss Carrie Redding, and they are the parents of two children, Dale B. and Donald H., and members of the Lutheran church. Mrs. B. B. Finfrock is a graduate of the Steele High school of Dayton and of Jacob's Business college of that city. Katherine M. Finfrock, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Finfrock, graduated from the Brookville High school with the class of 1918, and since that time has been taking instruction in developing her marked musical talent.

Alfred J. Fiorini. To achieve success, it is necessary that the attorney of these times be a man of sound judgment, possessed of a liberal education and stern training, combined with a keen insight into human nature. The reason for this lies in the spirit of the age with all its complexities. Modern jurisprudence, with the passing of the years, becomes more and more intricate because of new conditions and more complicated legislation, and the interpretation of the latter, which is placed into the hands of the bench and bar. Years of experience, constant study and real natural ability, must be superinduced upon inherent inclination, and with so many important matters before the country it is exceedingly necessary that the best minds be interested and enlisted. The record of the courts of the Miami valley shows that its legal fraternity is unqualifiedly capable. A large percentage of its members are residents of Dayton, and in this number, one who possesses all the qualifications for success is Alfred J. Fiorini, who has been engaged in practice here for nearly two decades. Mr. Fiorini was born at Cambridge, Mass., April 18, 1875, a son of Henry and Victoria (Gori) Fiorini. His father was born at Florence, Italy, in July, 1844, a son of Joseph and Catherine (Lotti) Fiorini, and secured his primary education in the common schools of that famous old city and center of art. He then entered the gymnasium and later passed to the Academy of Fine Arts, where he prosecuted his studies in plastics for three years and was graduated with honors in 1865. Intensely patriotic, Mr. Fiorini became at this time involved in the struggle against Austria, which eventually resulted in an United Italy. In 1868 he left his native land and came to America, his first location being in New York, where he worked at his art for twenty months. From the metropolis he went to New Orleans for a year, and in that southern city was engaged in wood carving, a vocation which he followed also at Chicago, Ill., for three months, and at Montreal, Canada, where he remained for eight months in

the employ of the Pullman Car company. In 1872 he removed to Boston, Mass., where for sixteen months he was engaged as a foreman in a furniture factory, his duty being the designing of the ornamental work. In the fall of 1873 he returned to Europe, where he was married to Miss Victoria Gori, and almost immediately came back to the United States and again located at Boston, remaining until 1878. Mr. Fiorini's next home was in New York city, where he was employed at his art for eight years, and in 1886 he came to Dayton, where for about twenty-six years he was in the employ of the Barney & Smith Car works doing decorative work. During this time, in 1891, he taught a class in modeling and carving in the Young Men's Christian Association of Dayton. In his declining years, Mr. Fiorini retired from active pursuits, and continues to live quietly at his home in Dayton. He is a Republican in politics, although not a politician, and a valued member of the Masonic fraternity. As a citizen he is public-spirited and progressive, and is known widely and highly respected wherever he has acquaintances. Mrs. Fiorini died in New York city, in 1882, having been the mother of four children, of whom two survive: Alfred J. and Louisa. Alfred J. Fiorini was a little over ten years of age when he accompanied his father to Dayton. He had commenced his education in the public schools of New York, and he completed his primary training in the Dayton public schools, following which he commenced to read law with Judge Kumler, with whom he remained three years. He then enrolled as a student at the Cincinnati Law school, where he was graduated in 1899, and in that same year was admitted to the bar and began practice alone at Dayton. Later he formed a partnership with Judge White, but when the latter was elevated to the bench the relation was severed and Mr. Fiorini returned to independent practice in which he has continued to since be engaged with prosperous results. His offices are located in the Reibold building and his practice is general in character, he having been the representative of some prominent interests in much important litigation. Mr. Fiorini is a member of the Montgomery County Bar association. His ideals of the profession of law are high and in practice he lives up to them, being a supporter of all movements leading towards a betterment of conditions in the courts as well as in civic affairs. His influence, far-reaching, cannot be lightly estimated. As a fraternalist, Mr. Fiorini belongs to the B. & P. O. E. and the K. P. He married Miss Mayme Brandt, daughter of John Brandt, of Dayton, and they have two children: Florence L. and Alice Jane.

William L. Fischer. As one of the greatest cities of the middle west, Dayton has long taken a leading part in the business history of the country, and has not only attracted to it men from other sections capable of controlling the affairs of great concerns, but has also held the native talent which has here had the opportunity for development. This feature alone is one which has contributed largely to Dayton's supremacy, and it is a fact that the interests here demand action and trained ability. Of the men who have contributed to Dayton's prowess in the commercial world, none has advanced beyond his fellows unless he possessed something

more than they, advantages of money, mind or native ability, and more frequently than otherwise the first-named plays but a small part compared to the others. The career of William L. Fischer, treasurer of the great department store firm of the Elder & Johnston company, proves the foregoing and points out to others the road to success. Mr. Fischer is a native son of Dayton, and was born February 24, 1871, his father being Frank F. Fischer, a native of Germany now deceased, who for forty-five years was connected with the Globe Iron Works of Dayton. The youth received his education in the graded and high schools, following which he attended Wilt's Commercial college. He joined the house of Elder & Johnston company in 1890, at which time he was made assistant cashier, and by regular stages rose to the positions of cashier, assistant bookkeeper and bookkeeper, and in 1912 was made treasurer of the company, a position which he holds at this time. This business, which was first known as Elder, Hunter & Johnston company, was founded March 31, 1883, and the first store was located at 114-116 East Third street, where it remained only two years. Its new location was 14-16 East Third street, and when Mr. Hunter withdrew, about 1887, the business assumed the style of Elder & Johnston. In 1898 the business was removed to its present location, on South Main street, and in 1912 the store was extended to the corner of Fourth and South Main streets. The firm was incorporated in February, 1905, to the amount of $300,000, and at that time Thomas Elder was made president; George Johnston, secretary and treasurer; and A. McMarshall, vice president. At the present writing the capital stock is $600,000, and the officers are: Thomas Elder, president; Robert J. Elder, vice president and merchandise manager; A. McMarshall, secretary; and William L. Fischer, treasurer. From 450 to 500 people are employed in this great establishment, which has seven acres of floor space and sixty-three distinct departments. As the treasurer of this great enterprise, Mr. Fischer occupies a position of unquestioned importance in the commercial world of Dayton, and his responsibilities are grave and heavy. However, he possesses the necessary ability, initiative and resource to properly and expeditiously take care of all matters pertaining to the office, and his numerous friends among leading business men have frequently demonstrated their faith in him. While he has a number of other connections in business circles, his main interest lies in the firm with which he has been connected for nearly thirty years, and with the fortunes of which his own fortunes have been so closely identified. Mr. Fischer is interested in Masonry, being past master of Mystic Lodge, and has reached the thirty-second Scottish Rite degree, in addition to being a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. His other connections are principally with civic bodies. June 5, 1901, he married Miss Fannie Jeanette Miller, daughter of J. Miller, of Franklin, Ohio, and they have one son: Fred W., who was a fighting pilot in the United States Aviation Corps in France.

John R. Flotron. To successfully manage large property interests and at the same time give freely of judgment and efforts towards a betterment of administration of civic affairs and conditions, requires more than ordinary ability. Many men achieve

prosperity; others rise to high positions within the gift of the people; but all do not prove equally efficient along both lines. When a man is found, however, who has demonstrated his ability as a sound, reliable and successful business man, willing to accept the responsibilities of public life, the office he accepts benefits accordingly. Dayton has benefited greatly through the public service of John R. Flotron, whose activities and versatile abilities have also made him prominent in business and fraternal circles. Mr. Flotron was born at Dayton, Ohio, April 1, 1871, a son of Leo and Kate (Rouzer) Flotron. His father was born in the Canton of Berne, St. Imier, Switzerland, and was a young man when he came to the United States, settling at Dayton. He was an engraver and jeweler and established himself in business in partnership with Alfred Moser, but did not live long enough to achieve marked success, passing away in the prime of life in 1876. Mrs. Flotron, who was a native of Dayton, died April 21, 1917. John R. Flotron attended the public schools of Dayton, following which he took a course in the Miami Commercial college. His first practical business experience was secured in the office of the John Rouzer company, where he became bookkeeper, and during the thirty years that he was connected with this firm rose steadily to secretary and then to president of this large enterprise. Mr. Flotron impressed others with his abilities and his associates learned to have the utmost confidence and judgment. He was elected president of the Ohio Shippers' association, as well as president of the Shippers and Receivers' association for some years, and at this time is a director in the American Loan and Savings association. After a long, notable and successful connection with the John Rouzer concern he retired from business for a time in order to recuperate from the ill effects of thirty years of strenuous business life. His active nature, however, would not allow him long to remain out of the arena, and in July, 1917, he joined the Union Central Life Insurance company as assistant manager of the Dayton office. Mr. Flotron is a member of Christ Episcopal church and has served as vestryman and treasurer. As a fraternalist he is one of the best known men in the state. He is past Master of Mystic Lodge No. 405, F. & A. M.; past High Priest of Unity Chapter No. 16, R. A. M.; past Eminent Commander of Reed Commandery No. 6, K. T.; past Most Wise Master of Dayton Chapter, Rose Croix; Commander in Chief of Dayton consistory, S. P. R. S., thirty-second degree; and past Potentate of Antioch Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is also a trustee of the Masonic Temple company, and of the Scottish Rite body, and a thirty-third degree Mason; was formerly for six years trustee of the Ohio Masonic Home, at Springfield; and is present Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of Ohio. He likewise belongs to Iola Lodge No. 83, Knights of Pythias; and to Dayton Lodge No. 58, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Flotron has numerous social connections, and is a member of the Dayton City, Keystone, Criterion, Comus and Smizers clubs. He was elected to the city commission November 2, 1913, taking office January 1, 1914, and has since been re-elected. He has given to his duties the same conscientious and capable administration that re-

sulted in his material advancement in a business way, and what this country needs more than anything else is just that kind of effort from its men in administrative office. In various other ways he has rendered his city signal service. He is a member of the advisory committee of the Young Women's Christian association, and was formerly president of the Associated Charities at Dayton, as well as president of the Miami Valley hospital, and has always given his support to measures looking toward reform, progress and moral uplift. Mr. Flotron was married April 19, 1893, to Miss Anna Louise Miller, of Dayton, daughter of John and Bertha (Schury) Miller, the latter now of Dayton. Mrs. Flotron was born at Cincinnati, from which city her parents removed to Xenia, Ohio, where her father died, her mother subsequently removing to Dayton. Mr. and Mrs. Flotron are the parents of two sons: John R., Jr., born January 22, 1898, a resident of Dayton; and Leo F., born July 6, 1901, living at the home of his parents.

Charles W. Folkerth. The law is known as a stern mistress, demanding of her devotees constant and unremitting attention and leading her followers through many mazes and intricacies before she grants them success at her hands. This incessant devotion frequently precludes the idea of the successful lawyer indulging in activities outside of the straight path of his profession, especially if his vocational duties are of a large and important nature. But there are men who find the time and the inclination to devote to outside interests, and who, by the very reason of their ability in the law, are peculiarly and particularly fitted to perform capable service therein. Charles W. Folkerth, of Dayton, has for twelve years been known as a close devotee of the law. A master of its complexities and perplexities, his activities have been directed incessantly to the demands of his calling. Yet he has found the leisure to discharge in a highly efficient manner the duties dictated by a high ideal of citizenship, and is therefore active in civic affairs. Mr. Folkerth was born at Dayton, April 8, 1877, a son of George W. Folkerth, a native of Montgomery county, who is now living at Belmont, O. He did not enter upon his career as a lawyer, for his first work after completing his education in the public schools was in connection with journalism, as a reporter with the Dayton News. His experiences in this connection were many and varied and he gained an insight into life that taught him much of human nature and that has since been of great value to him in his professional work. He did much of the special work at the time of city elections, and then was a court reporter, and it was while he was engaged in the latter capacity that he finally came to the conclusion to enter the profession of law. He managed accordingly, while continuing with his court duties, to read law in the offices of Van Pelt, Dale & Fernanding, and was admitted to the bar December 21, 1906, although he did not start active practice at that time. Instead, he became chief deputy for Judge C. W. Dale in the probate court, and here secured much further valuable experience and training. In February, 1909, he began practice on his own account, and from that time to the present his work in the probate and general courts has been important in character, serving to bring him prominently before the

public, to gain him a large and representative clientele and to establish his reputation as a learned and forceful lawyer. Mr. Folkerth is a member of the Montgomery Bar association. He has rendered his city valuable service as a member of the Dayton Charter commission, being secretary thereof, and in a social way is identified with St. John's Lodge, No. 13, A. F. & A. M.; Oregon Lodge, K. P.; Buckeye Lodge, I. O. O. F.; and the Dayton Canoe club. Mr. Folkerth was married June 12, 1904, to Miss Bertha E. McPherson, daughter of Theodore W. McPherson, of Dayton, and to this union there have been born four children: Dale McPherson, Phoebe Kathryn, Charles W., Jr., and Richard Robin.

John Daniel Fouts, M. D. The professional equipment of Dr. John Daniel Fouts, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist of Dayton, includes thorough and comprehensive training superimposed upon natural ability and an inherent love of his calling. Added to this are a broad sympathy and an understanding of human nature, practical experience covering several years of arduous professional labors, and a bright and cheerful personality which begets confidence and inspires faith. The possession of these desirable attributes has served to advance Doctor Fouts to a position not often occupied by a practitioner of his years. He was born at West Alexandria, Preble county, O., March 12, 1886, a son of Warren Fouts. His father was an agriculturist who owned and operated a large property for many years in the vicinity of West Alexandria, and the youth was reared on the farm, although he secured his early education in the graded and high schools of West Alexandria. An agricultural life did not appeal to his desires for a career, and he accordingly turned his attention toward the acquirement of a professional education, attending the medical department of the Cincinnati university, from which he was graduated in 1910, with the degree of M. D. Next he followed the usual course of young aspirants and served one year as interne in the German Deaconess hospital, at Cincinnati. Coming then to Dayton, he opened an office, and entered upon the usual probationary period which young practitioners must experience while awaiting the acquirements of a practice. He was not required to undergo much enforced idleness, however, as business was attracted to him from the start, and it was not long before he was enjoying a practice of the most desirable kind that can come to the newly graduated devotee of medicine. Since 1911 he has been the recipient of professional business that has been continuously increasing in size and importance, and he is generally accounted one of the successful young practitioners of his city, both as to size of practice and to the ability he is showing therein. After thorough preparation in New York city, he began work in his special line, that of eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, His well-appointed offices are located in the Fidelity Medical building and are completely and tastefully equipped. Doctor Fouts is a member of the Montgomery County Medical society, of the Ohio State Medical society, and the Medical Academy of Dayton. He is on the staff of the Miami Valley hospital of this city and has other professional connections. In fraternal life he is a thirty-second degree, Scottish Rite Mason, belongs to the Mystic Shrine, and

holds membership in the Order of Elks. He also has several social connections, belonging to the Dayton club, the Miami Valley Golf club, and the Acacia club, and at various times has been enrolled among the members of civic movements. Doctor Fouts was united in marriage at Dayton, November 14, 1910, with Miss Anna Marie Reinhard, daughter of John Reinhard, of this city, and they are the parents of one son: John Daniel, jr., who was born at Dayton, July 19, 1914.

Charles J. Fox. In choosing the chief municipal executive of a city or town, the citizens of that community as a rule can be counted upon to make as their choice one who has shown himself in his private affairs to be worthy of such honors. Therefore, in presenting a brief review of the career of Charles J. Fox there is being given a sketch of the life of one of the leading citizens of Brookville, of which attractive and enterprising town he is mayor. Mr. Fox is a native of near Brookville, Ohio, and was born April 14, 1874, the youngest of nine children, six sons and three daughters, born to Levi and Barbara (Studebaker) Fox, well known, respected and enterprising citizens of Montgomery county. Levi was the son of John and Susan (Horner) Fox and was born in October, 1825. His parents came from Johnstown, Pa., in 1818, and settled in Montgomery county near Salem. He married Barbara Studebaker in 1850. To them were born nine children: Martha, Sarah, Herman, Silas, Joseph, Theodore, Elizabeth, Albert and Charles. Mr. Fox followed the trade of brick making for many years, besides farming the old homestead, which is located about one and one-half miles west of Brookville. His services were much in demand in the days in which he followed his trade, say from 1850 to 1870, during which time most of the more pretentious residences were made of brick in this section of the country. According to the usual custom of the times the farmer who wished to build would furnish all the material for making the brick, and board and lodge the men, usually consisting of from six to eight men for a double team of moulders. Common labor received about one dollar per day and board. The moulders getting as much as three dollars per day, and as labor was scarce the best could be had for the season at that wage. Among those who worked at this trade in the employ of Mr. Fox for some years were Aaron Somers, Joseph Studebaker, D. C. Williamson, John Berst and Noah Baker as moulders. Most of the young men of the neighborhood who worked by the day spent one or more seasons in the brick yard, as this was one of the more important industries in this locality at that time. Charles J. Fox received his education in the graded and high schools of Brookville and after his graduation from the latter adopted the vocation of educator and for four years was engaged in improving the minds of the youth of the Montgomery county rural districts. When he gave up teaching it was to enter the employ of the Brookville Bridge company, in the capacity of salesman, a position which he held for fifteen years, and he is still identified with this concern, in which he has an interest. During his business life he has established and constantly maintained an excellent reputation for integrity and straightforward dealing. Mr. Fox was married December 23, 1902,

to Miss Hallie P. Ricketts, and to this union there have been born four sons and two daughters, of whom five children are living: Myron R., who is in the first year of the Brookville high school, a young man whose studious qualities predict a bright future for him; Josephine, in eighth grade; Mary C., in seventh grade; Bernice, in sixth grade; and Robert T. Mr. and Mrs. Fox take much pardonable pride in their children, whom they are giving every opportunity of getting a good start in the world in the way of education. Mrs. Fox is a native of Tipton county, Ind., born March 4, 1882, a daughter of Mark and Emma (Sheror) Ricketts. Of the two boys and two girls in her parents' family, Mrs. Fox and her brother, Guy A., survive, the latter being a resident of near Moorcraft, Wyo. Mrs. Fox's father was born in Switzerland county, Ind., and for years was an agriculturist in that state, but now resides in Wyoming, where he and his son are the owners of about 640 acres of good land, secured from the government. A Republican in his political views, Mr. Ricketts was formerly a township trustee in Tipton county, Ind. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his religious connection is with the Methodist Episcopal church, in the faith of which Mrs. Ricketts died when Mrs. Fox was but ten years of age. Mrs. Fox was educated in the public schools and the Marion Normal school, and, like her husband, was a school teacher for four years in her home county. She is a woman of many accomplishments and takes a leading part in the local Women's Christian Temperance Union, of which she is president, and in the movements of the Methodist church at Brookville. Mr. Fox has adhered strictly to the principles of the Democratic party since he cast his first presidential vote for William Jennings Bryan. For some years he has been an active and leading Democratic factor, and has served as delegate to several state conventions; and in 1917 was the choice of his party and of his fellow citizens for the position of mayor. During the period of his administration Mr. Fox has worked hard and earnestly for Brookville and the interests of its citizens, having stood firmly and solely upon his own judgment, and exercising his business and executive ability in a manner greatly beneficial to the town and its people. While his mayoralty duties have been arduous he has still found time to give to other matters, and was particularly active during the time that the United States was in the great war, when he gave his abilities cheerfully and willingly. No one was more strenuous in action during the campaigns for the Third and Fourth Liberty loans, and in the final, or Victory loan, he was equally energetic. He was also interested in the Montgomery County War Chest and served as chairman of the Y. M. C. A. drive, and in many ways showed his intense patriotism and good citizenship. Fraternally Mayor Fox is a member of Brookville Blue lodge, No. 596, F. & A. M., and Angola (Ind.) chapter, R. A. M. In addition to considerable valuable property at Dayton, he owns his residence and property on Orchard street, Brookville, which is the abode of hospitality and good cheer. Mayor and Mrs. Fox have many warm friends at Brookville and are eminently worthy of the high esteem and respect in which they are held by their large acquaintance.

Alfred Swift Frank. There is no other vocation which develops with so much accuracy and manly vigor, the native intellectual predominancies as the profession of law. While it opens a vast field for profound philosophic inquiry, it at the same time imperiously demands an acute and close observation of the daily workings of practical life. The materials for the foundations of society, which are scattered around broadcast and in profusion, often the most heterogeneous and crude, have to be moulded into form and symmetry by the application of great principles. These rude materials and these great principles have to be fused together in the crucible, and the process of melting down and refining the former is undergone by firm and unyielding contact with the latter. This work is essentially that of the skilled and learned lawyer, and one of those who is actively engaged in this moulding at Dayton is Alfred Swift Frank, who has practiced here since 1912, for the last five years as a member of the firm of Brown & Frank. Mr. Frank was born at Portland, Ore., June 19, 1886, a son of Alfred Swift Frank, sr. He was still a child when brought to Dayton, where he obtained his early education in the graded and high schools, and after his graduation from the latter he entered Amherst college. He was a member of the graduating class of 1909 from that institution, and having determined upon the law as his life's vocation entered Harvard Law school which he attended for two years. After leaving school Mr. Frank immediately returned to Dayton, where he embarked upon his professional labors, and during the first year practiced alone. He gained considerable practical experience and had attracted to himself a number of clients, but found that it would be to his advantage to form an association, and January 1, 1913, entered into partnership with Judge O. B. Brown, with whom he is still associated, their offices being located No. 605 City National Bank building. Mr. Frank, as a member of the firm, is attorney for a number of prominent Dayton firms, and enjoys a wide reputation for his legal acumen and sagacity. He is a Republican, but not a politician, and his religious connection is with the First Presbyterian church. In addition to belonging to the Montgomery County Bar association and the Federal Bar association, he holds membership in the college fraternity of Beta Theta Pi, and is an energetic worker in behalf of the interests of the Y. M. C. A. He likewise is a helpful factor in any movements which have for their objective the betterment of his adopted city and has done much constructive work for the Greater Dayton association. Mr. Frank was married May 9, 1914, to Miss Mary S. Conover, daughter of Lawrence P. Conover of Chicago, and they are the parents of one daughter: Isabelle, born November 15, 1916.

Harry W. Frank. Among the Dayton concerns which have kept pace with developing conditions during the past several years, one which has made rapid advancement and is becoming well known in its field is the Buckeye Veneer company. Established in 1912, this concern has taken advantage of the favorable opportunities which have developed during the interim, and, under capable and aggressive management has assumed a place where its presence is recognized by business men connected with this field. Much of

the prosperity of this concern may be rightfully attributed to the work and capability of its vice-president and secretary, Harry W. Frank. While still in the prime of early middle life, Mr. Frank has had broad experience in several directions and his talents have been given unsparingly in building up a structure of business substantiality and honorable policy. He is a Daytonian by nativity, having been born February 14, 1873, a son of Christian H. Frank, long known as a prominent Dayton business man, and who is now president of the Buckeye Veneer company. Harry W. Frank attended the public schools of Dayton, and was little more than a lad when he commenced his career in the business world. His first connection was with the wholesale drug house of Frizell & Evans, a concern with which he was indentified for one year, and he next entered the employ of the Bruns-Frank company, the well-known flour concern. His connection with this company continued until he was elected chief deputy clerk of the courts, in 1910, at which time he resigned to take up his official duties. At the expiration of his service, in August, 1917, he entered the Buckeye Veneer company, as vice-president and secretary, positions which he has since retained. This company was founded February 22, 1912, by C. H. Frank, president; S. P. Chandler, secretary; and H. F. Mahler, treasurer, and was incorporated for $20,000. A reincorporation was formed January 11, 1915, at which the officers were elected as follows: C. H. Frank, president; H. W. Frank, vice-president and secretary, and Louis Thiesing, manager. At the outset, the company started to manufacture all kinds of veneer, but at this time is making the quartered oak only, nine people being employed in the modern plant at 800 Bolender avenue. The company and its product enjoy an excellent reputation among the trade, and this extends also to the members of the firm, who have steadfastly maintained a policy of high business ideals and ethics. Mr. Frank is a man of marked business acumen who has won recognition of his ability. He is active in civic affairs where they pertain to a possible betterment of conditions, and is interested in the work of the Greater Dayton association, of which he is a member. His fraternal affiliations are with Dayton Lodge of the Masonic order, and the Knights of Pythias. May 8, 1915, Mr. Frank was united in marriage with Miss Nell S. Jolly, daughter of John L. Jolly of Hillsboro, O.

Walter Nelson Frank, who is one of Dayton's most enterprising and capable young business men, occupies a prominent position in the American Machine Products company, of which he is vice president and also superintendent of the plant. Mr. Frank was born at Miamisburg, Ohio, June 10, 1892, and was educated in the public schools of his native place, completing the high school course. From boyhood inclined to mechanics, his opportunity in that line did not come until he had qualified very successfully as a clerk in a grocery store for about six months. He then secured work with the Bell Telephone company, where he remained six months, going then to the National Cash Register company, then for eight months was with the Fire Proof Furniture company of Miamisburg, for the same company going to Rahway, N. J., which now operates as

the Steel Equipment corporation. After five years there he came to the Dayton Recording & Computing Machines company, and then became assistant superintendent of the plant No. 2 of the Dayton-Wright Airplane company at Miamisburg. When Mr. Frank returned to Dayton it was as assistant superintendent of the Dayton Fare Recorder company, of which, two months later, he was made superintendent. This position he held until August, 1819, when he became identified with the American Machine Products company. December 12, 1912, Mr. Frank married Hazel, daughter of John Barlett, of Franklin, Ohio. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the Blue lodge and chapter, and is a member, also, of the Junior Order of American Mechanics.

Rev. J. George Franz. During more than eleven years Rev. J. George Franz has been pastor of St. John's Catholic church at Dayton, and the respect which he inspired on his arrival has not abated, but is increased as time goes on. To the talents of a pastor is added the learning of a scholar and litterateur, which, united with rare business tact and ability to govern, has gained him the confidence, good will and love of all classes, denominations and nationalities. Father Franz was born near Munich, Bavaria, February 7, 1861, a son of Joseph and Gertrude (Meyer) Franz. He was nine years of age when brought by his parents to the United States, the family settling first at Piqua, Ohio, where the lad attended St. Boniface parochial school. He first came to Dayton as a student of St. Mary's college, following which he continued his studies at Mount St. Mary's seminary, Cincinnati, and May 31, 1890, was ordained to the priesthood. Father Franz' first charge was assistant at Trinity church, Dayton, from which parish he was transferred as assistant pastor of Emmanuel church, of this city, remaining five years. He was then located at Hamilton, Ohio, at San Veronica church, and St. Anthony's church, Madisonville, Ohio, until July 16, 1907, when he became pastor of St. John's church of Dayton. This parish was organized in 1894, when the school and first church were built, the latter being dedicated January 15 by the late Rev. Carl Hahnene, of Emmanuel church, whose assistant Father Franz had been, and who built the parish house in 1895. The first pastor was Rev. William Miggell, who remained from November 4, 1894, until June 24, 1895, being succeeded by Rev. Boniface Luebbermann. Father Franz succeeded the latter July 16, 1907, and has since remained in charge. The parish and congregation grew rapidly, and by 1912 it was found that it would be necessary to have a new place of worship. Accordingly August 14 of that year work was started on the new church building, which structure, costing $26,000, was completed June 1, 1913, and dedicated by Archbishop Moeller. There are now one hundred eighty families in the parish and one hundred sixty pupils in the parochial school, the four instructors in which are sisters of Notre Dame. Father Franz has those manly qualities which it is pleasing to find in any man, whether he be statesman, business man or priest. His sense of the fit and beautiful is keen, and his ideas of honor and integrity and duty are exceptionally strong. To his sacred and honored calling he has devoted all of himself, and is splendidly equipped for successful work.

Allan O. Freehafer. The well-known adage concerning the knocking of opportunity once at every man's door is one that has been overworked, although thousands of careers in which men have taken advantage of a single certain opportunity and through it worked their way to success proves that the saying is a truthful one. However, the man who is slothfully awaiting the knock of opportunity will be found far in the rear of the individual who is able to make an opportunity of his own, and the modern man of business has little opportunity for the man who is always waiting "for something to turn up." He realizes that it takes no more than mediocre ability to step into something that has already been developed, but that the true gauge of ability is the building up of an enterprise from practically nothing substantial. The career of Allan O. Freehafer, of Dayton, has been one in which opportunities have been made rather than accepted. He has largely made circumstances fit his own needs, and for this reason he is found today among the leaders of Dayton's realty men, and a member of the large firm of Kimmel & Freehafer. Mr. Freehafer was born at South Bend, Ind., May 27, 1870, a son of the late Rev. George W. Freehafer, for many years a minister of the gospel in Indiana, where he held various pulpits and was greatly respected and esteemed. Allan O. Freehafer attended the public schools of South Bend and Indianapolis, to which latter city he was taken by his parents when fifteen years of age, and at the Indiana capital he secured his first knowledge of business methods. He was variously employed in business houses there, without being attached to any particular line until 1893, when he came to Dayton and really entered upon his career. To prepare himself for further usefulness, he first took a course in the Miami Commercial college, and when he left that institution secured a position as bookkeeper with the John Dodds Manufacturing company. It was not long before Mr. Freehafer, who was even at that time possessed of good foresight and judgment, realized that Dayton was a growing city with a great future and that it presented a splendid field for the handling of real estate interests. His capital was small but his faith was great and his enthusiasm and ambition boundless, and in 1896, in partnership with his brother-in-law, Ezra F. Kimmel, another young man of energetic spirit, he purchased the small rental agency of the Herschelrode-Brunton company, and established the firm of Kimmel & Freehafer, in the Barney building, Fifth and Main streets, for the management of property and the collecting of rents. The business, under energetic and well-directed management, grew steadily, and soon the firm moved to its present headquarters, 270-280 Fourth street, Arcade building, and a real estate sales department was established, which department is now under the management of Roscoe C. Miller. Later still, a fire insurance department was added, and the concern now represents the Northern of London, the Palatine of London and the Fidelity Phoenix Insurance companies. January 1, 1918, Russel E. Kimmel, a son of the senior member, was admitted to partnership in the firm. The business of this concern has shown a steady and continuous growth and the business is now justly accounted one of the leaders in its line in the city. Mr. Freehafer has continued to add to his

important business connections, and at this time is president of the Miami Apartments company, a director of the Ohio Savings & Loan association and of the Ohio Mortgage & Investment company, and treasurer and director of the Dayton Building association. His standing in business circles is of the best, and he has been allied with numerous progressive movements. Mr. Freehafer married Miss Anna A. Kimmel, of Dayton, and they are the parents of two children: Sarah J. and Charles.

Clifford I. Frey. Belonging to that class of workers whose practical education, quick perceptions and great capacity for painstaking industry have advanced them to positions of business prominence formerly occupied by men many years their seniors, Clifford I. Frey, while representing the vigorous and resourceful present of the Miami valley, gives promise of participating in its more enlightened future, more especially of Dayton, where, as a member of the firm of Schwarz & Frey, he is engaged in a well-established clothing, hat and furnishing goods business. Mr. Frey was born at Troy, Ohio, November 18, 1888, a son of Herschel and Sarah (Booker) Frey, the former a native of Clermont county and the latter of Miami county, Ohio. His father, for many years a resident of Dayton, is now connected with the Dayton Gas Company, as one of its most trusted employees. Clifford I. Frey was educated in the public schools of Montgomery county, received his initiation to business methods with the firm of Engle & Heinz, a gentlemen's furnishing goods house, and remained three years. After leaving that concern he was for one year with Willner Brothers, as a salesman, and he next joined the London Hat House, with which he remained eight years as a salesman. September 1, 1913, Mr. Frey embarked in business on his own account, when, with Joseph Schwarz, he formed a co-partnership and opened an establishment at No. 4 East Third Street, under the firm style of Schwarz & Frey, an association that has proved mutually agreeable and profitable, and which has continued with increasing success to the present time. When the partners started they were their own salesmen, but as time has passed they have been compelled to increase their working force from time to time and there are now eight employees on the pay-roll. Another idea of how the business has grown may be gleaned from the fact that while 500 square feet of floor space was sufficient for the business done in 1913, at this time the concern is employing 5,000 square feet, with an additional 400 square feet. The firm handles the latest and most exclusive articles of men's attire, including Society Brand clothes, Dobbs hats, Earl & Wilson shirts and collars, Manhattan, Emory and Bates Street shirts, Dolphin hose, and a full line of furnishings, gloves, etc. Mr. Frey is possessed in full measure of the peculiar and rare gift of salesmanship, which, perhaps, is one of the main reasons for his success; but he is also capable in other directions as to business, being naturally alert, energetic and resourceful. He has been careful of his reputation in business matters, and as a result is rightly adjudged a man of integrity in business matters, while as a public spirited citizen of civic pride, his conduct has left nothing to be desired. In the trade he is held in the highest confidence, and at

present is chairman of the Men's Wear association of Dayton, stockholder and director in Retail Merchants association. He belongs also to the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Frey was married October 14, 1914, to Miss Emma Estelle Lewis, daughter of John C. and Ida (Kepple) Lewis, of Celina, Ohio, and they are the parents of one child: Vivian Evelyn.

John G. Frey represents the young and enthusiastic element of Dayton's business fraternity, and during his comparatively short career has worked his own way to a position of marked responsibility and trust. His abilities have been evidenced by his rapid advancement, and as secretary and member of the firm of the Lucas Miner Pump company has taken his place in the ranks of the men who are upholding Dayton's manufacturing prestige. Mr. Frey was born at Dayton, August 28, 1893, a son of Jacob Frey. His education was limited to attendance at St. Paul's Lutheran school, but he made the most of his opportunities, and, possessing a receptive and retentive mind, was able to assimilate and hold knowledge, with the result that he became possessed of broad information along practical lines. When he laid aside his school books it was to begin to be self-supporting, his first employment being in the wheel factory of Zurick & Greenwald. Not satisfied with his progress, he decided to apply himself to a skilled vocation, and accordingly set about to learn the tool maker's trade in the plant of the Steiner Gas Engine company where he remained three years. Having mastered his trade, he was employed at various shops in the city until the opportunity presented itself for him to enter business on his own account and he became a member of the firm of Lucas Miner Pump company, and has since discharged the duties of secretary of this concern. The plant is located on North Valley street, and gives employment to a number of skilled workmen, its product being widely and favorably known and meeting with a healthy and steady demand. Mr. Frey, in the secretarial capacity, has displayed business abilities of a high order, and has warranted the confidence which his associates have placed in him. September 4, 1917, Mr. Frey married Miss Freda Schermuly, daughter of Henry Schermuly, of Dayton. They are consistent members of St. Paul's Lutheran church.

Hon. William G. Frizell. In dealing with the lives of individuals who have contributed to the upbuilding and prominence of Dayton, the writer is led through many and diverse avenues of usefulness, wherein truth and expression are given to the fact that those who have done most for the welfare of their fellowmen and the progress of the city are those who have lived unselfish and honorable lives themselves. In this country, where the prizes of life depend upon merit, rather than upon the accidents of birth or fortune, the men of character, courage, pluck and ambition are the successful ones. The highest places in the learned professions are filled with, and the greatest commercial enterprises are conducted by such men. The marvelous growth and development of the city of Dayton have resulted from the activity and public spirit of that class of men; men, who at the outset of life placed a just valuation upon honor, integrity and determination. In this class few men

have been more active than has William G. Frizell, attorney, business man, ex-state representative and author, whose accomplishments in the various walks of life into which his energies have led him have been of a nature at once honorable and more than ordinarily creditable. Mr. Frizell was born at Dayton, August 31, 1866, a son of James S. Frizell, who died in October, 1899. He received his education in the public schools of Dayton, and at Ohio Wesleyan university, from which institution he was graduated in 1887 with the degree of B. A., and at once began the study of law under the preceptorship of Hon. R. D. Marshall. Admitted to the bar in 1899, he at once began practice at Dayton, and had soon attracted a large and lucrative clientele of the best kind that can come to a young lawyer. His professional activities threw him into contact with men of large affairs, who, recognizing his bright mind and legal talent, interested him in affairs of a business character, and for a number of years he has been identified with some of the important concerns of the city. In 1902 he became one of the founders of the Union Building & Loan association, which was incorporated at $500,000.00, with the following officials: P. L. Sagebill, president; H. J. McDargh, vice-president; and William G. Frizell, secretary and attorney; with these and the following as directors: Dr. H. H. Hatcher, Scott Pierce, Arthur D. Black and E. L. Gerber. A. D. Black is now president and H. I. Schenck, vice-president, and G. W. Bish has succeeded Dr. H. H. Hatcher as a member of the board of directors. This is one of the strongest and most reliable concerns of its kind of Dayton and is enjoying a steady growth, its policies having won the full confidence of the public. Mr. Frizell is a member of the Montgomery Bar association and the Ohio State Bar association, and is a close student of his calling, as well as one who respects its highest ethics. He is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner, and belongs also to the college fraternity of Phi Kappa Psi, and the Union Building & Loan association belongs to the Greater Dayton association. For some years Mr. Frizell has been one of the most prominent Republicans in the city, and his official record is one that brings great credit upon his ability, his public spirit and his conscientious discharge of duty. For four years he served faithfully as a member of the board of education, during which time some needed changes were made in the school system; his work as a member of the city council from the first ward was always constructive, and during two years of that time he acted as president of the body. Finally he was sent to the legislature and served for five years as a member thereof, his entire service being characterized by energetic and result producing work in behalf of his constituents, his district and his state. A widely traveled man, he has visited many points of interest and has written entertainingly and authoritatively upon his travels in three books, which have been received favorably by press and public: "Sightseeing in South America," "Around the World on the Cleveland," and "Out-of-the-Way Places."

Rev. John Baptist Frohmiller. More than thirty years ago Rev. John Baptist Frohmiller became the first pastor of Holy Rosary Catholic church, at Dayton, and he is still filling this charge. For

something over three decades he has ministered to the spiritual wants and needs of this parish, guiding them in the right paths, assisting them through their times of trouble and misfortune, aiding them in material affairs, and always proving himself a kindly, loving friend—a strict disciplinarian where duty and honor has been concerned, but an affectionate companion either in prosperity or want. Through this long, faithful and unselfish service he has become one of Dayton's best beloved men, one who not only has the reverence of his parishioners, but the confidence and high regard of men of all creeds and conditions of life. Father John Baptist Frohmiller was born in Bavaria, April 20, 1850, a son of Thomas and Anna (Goetz) Frohmiller. His parents came to the United States and settled at Cincinnati in 1852, and in that city the lad grew to manhood, his early education being acquired in the parochial school of St. Joseph's parish. Later he completed his studies at Mount St. Mary's seminary, and July 3, 1875, he was ordained a priest, and immediately entered upon his duties as assistant to Father Goetz, of Holy Trinity church, at Dayton. His first charge as pastor has been his only one, and likewise he has been the only pastor of Holy Rosary church. This parish was organized in 1888 and the first church was dedicated in May, 1889, the building then being a combination church and school. The parish house was erected in 1890, and in 1900 the Brothers' home was built. The new church, now in the course of construction, will cost, when completed, in the neighborhood of $115,000. From modest beginnings Holy Rosary church parish has grown and progressed, and there are now 600 families in the parish, and 520 pupils in the parochial school, under the instruction of eleven teachers. From the time that he assumed the duties and responsibilities of his pastorate, Father Frohmiller has been a faithful and earnest pastor, all his temporal as well as spiritual relations having been conducted in a meritorious manner. He has had the faculty of impressing his wishes and intentions upon his people, and has thus brought about co-operation that has been productive of splendid results. His life may be compared with a poem in its far-reaching benefits. He has a sympathy for all afflictions and a kind and encouraging word for all those who are downcast and careworn—in a word, he represents the true shepherd that guards well his flock.

Rev. John Thomas Gallagher. Where eminent abilities and unblemished integrity, combined with unimpeachable virtue, derivable from the daily practice of religion and piety, contribute to adorn the character of an individual, then it is most proper to be prominently set forth as an example to those who would make themselves useful to mankind. In this connection may be set forth a brief review of the career of Rev. John Thomas Gallagher, the late beloved and respected pastor of Corpus Christi Catholic church, who as priest and man was universally respected by the people of Dayton, Father Gallagher was born at Springfield, Ohio, October 7, 1873, a son of Anthony and Catherine (Murphy) Gallagher. He grew up to sturdy young manhood at his native place, where he attended the public and parochial schools, following which he pursued his studies at Niagara university, Niagara, N. Y., at St. Gregory's

seminary, Cedar Point. Ohio, and at St. Mary's seminary, Cincinnati. Ordained June 21, 1901, his first charge was at Reading, Ohio, where he was assistant of Sacred Heart church until September 1, 1901, then became assistant at St. Peter's Cathedral, Cincinnati. While there he also acted in the capacity of secretary to Archbishop Elder, and remained there until February, 1904. At that time Father Gallagher was appointed chaplain of St. Joseph's Orphan asylum, at Cummingsville, Ohio, and remained there until coming to Dayton, March 19, 1911, to become pastor of Corpus Christi church. He was interested in the orphan asylum, finding time outside of his numerous and laborious duties here to act as secretary of the asylum and accomplished much for its benefit. While the history of Corpus Christi is a short one it is interesting. The first real effort to establish a parish for the Catholics at Riverdale and Dayton View was made in October, 1909, when a committee of twenty began the work of canvassing the territory and found all of the Catholics enthusiastic. Meetings were held weekly, various committees were appointed to push the work. Rev. William D. Hickey, Dean, then pastor of St. Joseph's church, presided at the meetings and gave the committee many valuable suggestions. Owing to a scarcity of priests, the Archbishop was unable to appoint a pastor until March 19, 1911. On that date, after the dedication of the new St. Joseph's church, Rev. John T. Gallagher, then chaplain of St. Joseph's Orphanage at Cincinnati, was named the first pastor of the new parish which was called Corpus Christi. The work of organizing the new congregation was started at once. Smith's Hall, corner of Main street and Forest avenue, was secured as a temporary home. Strenuous work on the part of all made it possible to hold the first services on Easter Sunday, April 16, 1911. Property for the new church, school and parochial residence was secured at the corner of Forest and Homeward avenues, at a cost of $19,000, and William Earl Russ prepared plans for the first church, of Spanish Mission design, ground being broken for the structure July 10, 1911. December 24 of that year found the church completed, and on that day it was dedicated by Archbishop Moeller of Cincinnati, Rev. William D. Hickey celebrating the first mass, and the dedicatory sermon being preached by Rev. John Hickey of Cincinnati. At that time there were about 110 families in the parish. The church construction cost $13,000. In March, 1912, work on the new fireproof school was started and by September the new building had been completed at a cost of $45,000, and was opened for class work; where are now three hundred and four children in attendance, taught by the Sisters of Charity, eight in number, of Delhi, Ohio. The growth of the parish in numbers was rapid and in August, 1916, it was found necessary to secure the services of an assistant to the pastor. Rev. John L. Kelly was appointed by the Archbishop and began his work at once. From a parish of one hundred and ten families the congregation has grown to one of three hundred and fifty families. Father J. T. Gallagher died November 5, 1918.

Rolla M. Galloway has obtained a firm standing among the rising young attorneys of Dayton, and that, although he has been engaged in practice but eight years. He is a native son of Dayton,

and was born March 1, 1888, his parents being John A. and Drusilla (Hagan) Galloway, the former a native of Baltimore, Md., and the latter of Dayton. John A. Galloway was but a lad when brought to Dayton by his parents, and here received a public school education and grew to stalwart young manhood. He early became self-reliant and self-supporting, and when the Civil war came on enlisted in the Union army and fought gallantly as a member of an Ohio volunteer infantry regiment. At the close of the struggle he returned to Dayton and took a position with the Globe Iron Works, by which concern he was employed for many years, and in which he arose to the position of foreman. In the evening of life he retired on a well-earned competence, and passed away in ripe old age, honored and respected by all. Rolla M. Galloway attended the graded schools and the Steele high school, and early became interested in legal matters and studies. At length he pursued a regular professional course in the law department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, Mich., from which he was graduated in 1910. Mr. Galloway was admitted to practice before the Ohio bar in 1911, and since then has been industriously, energetically, intelligently and successfully pursuing his well-chosen career. In September of the year of his admission, he associated himself with the law firm of Gottschall & Turner, which connection continued two years, following which, for six months, he practiced alone. He was then with the firm of Lenz, Sigler & Denlingen for about three and one-half years. Since then he has practiced individually, with offices at No. 702 Conover building. Mr. Galloway's continuous progress to his present substantial standing has been the pure result of personal exertions and worth, as he has never been able to apply the influences of family influence or inherited wealth to his individual affairs. Fortunately, his activities were centered in a city where he had many brothers in the unaided struggle for advancement, and where those who have fought their way to an advanced position are quick to recognize merit and manliness. During the past year Mr. Galloway has acted as secretary for Local Draft Board No. 2. He is a member of the Montgomery County Bar association and the Ohio State Bar association, and his fraternal connections include membership in the Phi Gamma Delta college fraternity, of the University of Michigan, and Echo Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of Dayton. With Mrs. Galloway, he belongs to the First United Brethren church. February 21, 1913, Mr. Galloway was married to Miss Florence H. Combs, daughter of Charles and Margaret (Welsh) Combs, of Dayton, and they have one son: Robert C.

D. F. Garland, D. D. Encouraging indeed is the prospect for great future achievement in the spirit of co-operation and mutual helpfulness that has developed at Dayton, largely under the fostering care of Dr. D. F. Garland, and crystallized in the work of the public welfare department, of which Dr. Garland is the director. He was by no means unknown to the citizens of Dayton when he accepted the above responsibility, January 1, 1914, for, as a minister of the Lutheran clergy and as a vigorous writer and eloquent lecturer, his activities for years had placed him in the public eye. Dr. Garland was born in Perry county, Pa., July 10, 1864. His family

environment was such as to afford him educational privileges and when graduated from Gettysburg college in June, 1888, he bore off second honors and was the class valedictorian. Subsequently continuing his studies in his native state, he was graduated from Gettysburg Theological seminary in June, 1891, and in 1906 the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him by his alma mater. He served as pastor of the Lutheran church in Baltimore from 1891 to 1896; pastor of the Lutheran church at Taneytown from 1896 to 1899, and served the First Lutheran church at Dayton from 1899 to January, 1914. From the first Dr. Garland seemingly has dedicated his life to others, maintaining high ideals of man's duty to man and upholding these with all his physical strength and mental vigor. He labored in his chosen profession unselfishly and zealously as a spiritual leader and when the urge came to teach temporal truth in order to bring about a better social condition of life, he accepted the burdens that conscience laid upon him and has gone steadfastly on his way. Study, investigation, travel and personal experience have well equipped him for his task. In 1912 he returned from Europe, where he had made a study of municipal government and welfare, and many admirable features pertaining to the same have been incorporated in the present welfare work at Dayton. For many years Dr. Garland, in many cities, has lectured to large, intelligent and enthusiastic audiences, his subjects in recent times being on city government, garden cities in Europe, food conservation, the world war, and welfare work in American cities. In 1914 he resigned a pastorate he had held for fifteen years in order to devote himself entirely to welfare work, the need of the same being thus stated in his own words: "We have reached a new era in public welfare. Public welfare work has come to be extended beyond the fondest dreams of social workers a generation ago. The ultimate object of this enlarged field of social service is to restore the people to efficient and effective citizenship." In the light of much knowledge and in protest against inequalities and iniquities that have brought misery to the helpless, Dr. Garland accepted a new conception of government that would concern itself with the special problems of human life, of community efficiency and community betterment, and with this conception the Dayton Welfare program concerns itself. We quote again from Dr. Garland: "The city of Dayton, under the new commission-manager plan of government, has laid the foundation for and is working toward the realization of this new conception of the obligations of the city to all her citizens. Under the present plan the Department of Public Welfare includes in the scope of its activities the public health, public recreation, public parks, correctional and reformatory institutions, outdoor relief, legal aid, municipal employment, a municipal lodging house, and a study of and research into causes of poverty, delinquency, crime and disease and other social problems. Dayton is limited in revenues and therefore cannot yet assume the entire community burden. However, the Department of Public Welfare, through a co-operative scheme of organization, has brought under one centralized control all public health nursing and all public recreation functions for the entire city. These agencies are administered and serve

the public from the offices of the Department of Public Welfare." Social legislation interests Dr. Garland deeply and in a notable address delivered at Dayton in June, 1918, he discussed social legislation concerning itself in this new era of progress, with labor, health, safety, food supply, dependent classes, family relations, prevention of fraud, discrimination, conservation of the nation's resources, freedom of contract and limitations in the use of property and limitation in the parents' rights in their children from his enlightened standpoint. Dr. Garland occupies a position of honorable prominence on many charitable and philanthropic boards, these including: Dayton Tuberculosis society, Greater Dayton association, Federation for Charity and Philanthropy, and the Provident Collateral Loan company. He was president of the Bureau of Municipal Research in 1912-1916, a member of the Ohio State Commission on Health and Old Age Insurance, is a trustee of the tuberculosis hospital of Montgomery and Preble counties, and is vice president of the Lutheran Home for Aged Women, and a member of the board of Associated Charities. In summing up a character like Dr. Garland's, one finds love of humanity, the supremacy of kindness over misfortune and not only faith in mankind but a loving pity that envelopes all.

The Garrison Machine Works is consistently to be designated as one of the important industrial concerns of the city of Dayton, and its record has been one of substantial growth from the time it was founded, in 1905, by its present executive head, Orlando Garrison, in association with Amos Lint. The quarters originally occupied, at 32 E. Fourth street, continued to be utilized during the period of the partnership of Messrs. Garrison & Lint, the dissolution of the alliance having occurred at the expiration of three years and removal of the establishment having then been made to the present well equipped plant, at 22-28 S. St. Clair street. The enterprise was given over to the designing and manufacturing of special tools and machinery until January, 1919, when the business was transformed to the exclusive manufacture of gear chucks, this being the only exclusive manufactory of the kind in the United States. The business is rapidly expanding in scope and importance and employment is given to a corps of thirty persons, including a due quota of highly skilled mechanics. In the production of special tools and machinery the concern made a one hundred per cent record in connection with the nation's participation in the World war, and the products of the establishment contributed to the support of the country's war preparations and activities.

Orlando Garrison was born in Gordon, Darke county, Ohio, July 23, 1875, and after having there availed himself of the advantages of the public schools he pursued a higher course of study at the National Normal university, at Lebanon, Ohio, in which he was a member of the class of 1892. Mr. Garrison came to Dayton and took a position in the machine shops of the National Cash Register company, later being identified in turn with the Ohmer Fare Register company and the Computing Scale company. He next allied himself with the Automatic Toll company, in the establishment of which he had charge of the tool room until 1905, when he engaged

in independent business, as noted in the opening paragraph of this review. Mr. Garrison is known as one of the vigorous and progressive business men of Dayton and is loyal and public-spirited in his civic attitude. He is affiliated with Montgomery lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In November, 1895, Mr. Garrison was united in marriage to Miss Anna Marie Hartman, of Dayton, and they have five children: J. Russell, Bernice M., Ralph P., William Lloyd, and Evelyn Jane.

George Herman Gebhart. The professional intimates of the late George H. Gebhart unhesitatingly place him among the most able practitioners who have graced the Dayton bar, as he was perfectly at home in every department of his profession. Because of this breadth of ability he not only earned a firm place as one of the leading lawyers of his day, but was also induced to enter actively into business affairs, where his talents contributed to the upbuilding and prosperity of several large enterprises. Mr. Gebhart was born at Dayton, November 5, 1867, a son of George A. and Ella M. (Heikes) Gebhart, and no doubt inherited much of his fine legal ability from his grandfather, Judge Herman Gebhart. His father, George A. Gebhart, was born at McConnellsville, Pa., and was six years of age when brought by his parents to Dayton, where he received his early education in private schools, and graduated from Otterbein college. In 1863 he entered business as S. T. & G. A. Gebhart, and with this leading mercantile enterprise he continued to be identified until his death. George H. Gebhart attended the graded schools and Central High school, and was then sent to Yale, where he pursued a one-year course. In 1890 he was graduated from the Cincinnati Law school, receiving the degree of LL. D., and immediately began practice at Dayton in association with Judge Schnediker. When the latter was elevated to the bench Mr. Gebhart engaged in practice alone, and so continued until his death, October 16, 1912. Mr. Gebhart also found time to contribute of his abilities to the furthering of the interests of the S. T. & G. A. Gebhart company and the Gebhart Coal & Lumber company, of both of which concerns he was president, the latter being a Norcross, Tenn., enterprise. He was a valued member of the Montgomery County, Ohio State and National Bar associations, and his religious affiliation was with the First English-Lutheran church. March 27, 1894, Mr. Gebhart was married to Daisy, daughter of Jacob and Amanda (Robinson) Brock, of Cincinnati. They have one daughter, Eleanor, who resides with her mother in their country home on the Troy pike.

Harry Gebhart. The business career of the late Harry Gebhart belongs rather to the past of Dayton than to the present, but so honorable were his transactions and so useful his activities that his life is deserving of more than passing mention among those of the men who have lived and labored in the Miami valley. Born at Dayton, July 22, 1856, Mr. Gebhart was a son of Joseph R. and Eliza Jane (Hoglen) Gebhart, the latter being also a native of Dayton. Joseph R. Gebhart was born at Gebhartsville, Somerset county, Pa., and was a lad of eleven years when brought to Dayton by his father, George Gebhart. He completed his education in the public schools

here, and when still a youth was apprenticed to the printer's trade, but after learning that vocation and working thereat for some years, turned his attention to the lumber business. He became the owner of a large lumber yard, which he subsequently sold in order to give his time to the management of an oil business, with a Mr. Pope, and still later was interested in a milling enterprise. From the latter he retired to private life, and passed away August 21, 1918, one of his community's highly respected citizens. Mr. Gebhart's wife died July 8, 1914, the mother of three children: Harry; Louise G., the wife of James Turpin, of Dayton, and Grace G., the wife of William M. Kinnard, also of Dayton. The parents belonged to the First Lutheran church, and Mr. Gebhart was a staunch Republican. Harry Gebhart received good educational advantages, attending the Dayton public schools and Wittenberg college, and when he entered upon his career it was in the grocery business with a Mr. Newcomer. He was also associated with Mr. Tower, in the Tower Varnish company, and left the latter to engage in the milling business with his father. In 1912 he retired from active pursuits and lived quietly until his death, which occurred October 22, 1916. Mr. Gebhart was a capable business man of the highest integrity in whom his associates had reason to place the utmost confidence, and in civic affairs was a man of the highest type of citizenship. He was a Republican in politics, and as such loyally supported his party. His religious connection was with the First Lutheran church. May 18, 1898, Mr. Gebhart was united in marriage with Miss Lois Funk, who was born and educated in Wayne county, Ohio, a daughter of Zenas and Emma (Tyler) Funk, of that county. Three children were born to them: Joseph Ritner, Ruth and Harry, who reside with their widowed mother in the pleasant home at 544 W. Superior avenue, Dayton.

Henry Gebhart, connected with the Oakwood Street Railway company is a man of broad and comprehensive experience and in his secretarial and managerial capacities has done much to improve the service and equipment of the road and to extend its mileage. He is a native of Dayton, and was born December 17, 1880, his parents being Walter and Mary E. (Pope) Gebhart. He belongs to one of the old and honored families of Dayton, established here about 1840, by his grandfather, Frederick Gebhart, who was born in 1797, at Somerset, Pa. At the time of his arrival, Frederick Gebhart engaged in business as a dry goods merchant, but subsequently disposed of his interests in that direction, and entered the lumber and linseed oil field, in which he achieved an honorable success. He died, highly esteemed and respected, in 1878. Walter Gebhart was born at Dayton, in September, 1843, and was educated in the public schools and at Wittenberg college. Shortly after leaving that institution, he enlisted for service in the Union army during the civil war, becoming a member of Company A, 131st regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. When his 100-days' service was completed he returned to Dayton and for a time was engaged in the lumber business with Alexander Gebhart. Later he turned his attention to the manufacture of bagging, but finally took up the linseed oil business, to which he devoted his energies with success until his retirement, in 1904,

his death occurring two years later, in December, 1906. Mr. Gebhart was one of the well known and greatly esteemed business men of Dayton, and in his death the city lost a public-spirited and helpful citizen. He was a popular comrade of Old Guard Post, G. A. R. and belonged to the First Evangelical Lutheran church, of which Mrs. Gebhart, who survives him as a resident of Dayton, is a member. They were the parents of five children: Leila G., who is deceased; John W., who died in New York, in 1900; Margaret, who makes her home with her mother; Catherine G., who is the wife of Lonn W. Young, of New York City; and Henry, of this review. Henry Gebhart attended the public schools of Dayton and after leaving the Steele high school, in 1899, went to the University of Pennsylvania, where he was graduated in electrical engineering in 1904. He was retained at the university for two years as an instructor, and then entered the services of the Westinghouse Electrical Manufacturing company, the famous Pittsburg concern, with which he remained for one year. June 5, 1907, he returned to Dayton as superintendent of the Oakwood Street Railway company, and subsequently was advanced to general manager. Since that time the duties of secretary have been added to his position. The mileage of this road includes eight miles from Dayton View to the Oakwood loop, and two miles of leased track, and the road in addition built one-half mile of track which was put in operation during the summer of 1918. There are one hundred men employed in the service. The company is incorporated for $500,000 for the Oakwood Street Railway company. Mr. Gebhart has become a railway operator of superior capacity and ability. He has made a close study of what may be termed the science of transportation, and has a broad knowledge of fundamental principles, rules and regulations, and in addition is a man of extensive general information. In his profession he has attained something more than local recognition, and is a member of the American Institute of Engineers and the Dayton Engineers club. Likewise he belongs to the Dayton City club and the Buz Fuz club. His political belief is that of the Republican party and he and Mrs. Gebhart belong to the First Evangelical Lutheran church. Before their marriage, Januray 2, 1907, Mrs. Gebhart was Miss Harriet Winters, a daughter of Valentine Winters of Dayton.

Charles B. Geiger. In machine manufacturing circles of Dayton, a name which is coming prominently to the front is that of Charles B. Geiger, president of the City Engineering company, whose success in his undertakings has been so marked that his methods have become a matter of interest. He is energetic, prompt and notably reliable in his engagements, and a genius for devising and executing the right plan at the right time, joined with everyday common business sense, have served to give him standing. His success in business from the beginning of his career at Dayton has been uniform and rapid and he has persevered in the pursuit of a persistent purpose, gaining thereby a most satisfactory reward. Mr. Geiger was born in Alsace-Lorraine, France, November 20, 1883, and is a son of John B. Geiger. His father, also born in that country, where so much history has recently been made, came to

the United States in 1868, at the age of eighteen years, and, locating at Dayton, established himself in business as a florist. Later he disposed of his interests in that business and employed himself at his trade of cabinet maker, which he followed with success for many years. He is now living in comfortable retirement at Dayton. Charles B. Geiger was brought to Dayton as a child and the public schools of this city furnished him with his educational training. He started to work at the Seybold Machine company, where, during the five years of his employment, he mastered many questions pertaining to the manufacture of machinery, knowledge that has been of incalculable value to him in the management of his own business. When he left that concern, he went with the Dayton Motor Car company, where he remained for six years, and the next four years were passed with the National Cash Register company. This varied and extended experience fitted him for entrance into business on his own account, and when opportunity offered itself, in the form of the City Engineering company, he was ready to grasp it and thoroughly prepared to make the most of it. This concern was established on Canal street, about the year 1898, by Eichenhoffer & Son, and was conducted as the Dayton Machine works. In 1914 the business was purchased by the City Engineering company, and was continued by that concern until about March 1, 1917, when it was purchased by Edward E. Burkhart, Milton Matthews, Charles W. Slagle and Charles B. Geiger. Subsequently it was incorporated for $25,000, with the following officials: Charles B. Geiger, president and general manager; Vincent E. Sacksteder, secretary; and E. E. Burkhart, treasurer. About sixty employees are kept busy in the Beaver Power building, where there is located a model plant, in the manufacture of punches, dies, jigs, fixtures and gauges, special machinery, etc., and during the war period the firm was engaged in 100 per cent war production. The product of the company is well known throughout the country and finds a ready market, as it is known to be reliable and of high quality. Mr. Geiger is one of Dayton's public-spirited men, is a member of the Greater Dayton association, and has allied himself on a number of occasions with movements which have contributed to the general welfare. He was married January 9, 1908, to Miss Amelia Marie Dobberstein, daughter of Augustus Dobberstein, of Montgomery county, O., and to this union there have been born three children: Clara Elizabeth, Florence Louise and Marguerite Amelia.

Russell E. Gerkins. Prominently numbered among the substantial business men of Dayton, Russell E. Gerkins has the distinction of having been the architect of his own fortunes, and his career, a worthy and successful one, makes evident the fact that he has builded securely and well. For a number of years he devoted his energies to the duties of a traveling salesman, but his labors in this direction were but a means toward an end, although furnishing him with valued experience. At present he is president of the Gerkins Oil company, a well-established and reliable concern in its field of service. Mr. Gerkins was born at Dayton, February 10, 1875, a son of John H. Gerkins. His father, who came to Dayton during the early '60s, was first a conductor on the old Dayton & Michigan

railway, and later on the Big Four, remaining with the latter road until his retirement, not long before his death which occured February 1, 1918. He was well and widely known to the traveling public and was a general favorite. Russell E. Gerkins was educated in the public schools of Dayton, and after several positions of minor importance was given employment as a traveling salesman for the Russell and Erwin Manufacturing company. Later he held a like position with the Dayton Last works, and subsequently for the New York Last company, going next to the White company, of Cleveland. For several years he was sales manager for the Peckham Motor company, but eventually left that concern, in November, 1911, to become the main organizer and president of the Gerkins Oil company, which was incorporated for $15,000, his associates in this venture being: A. C. McGuire, vice-president; Nelson Emmons, jr., secretary; and H. H. Herman, treasurer. Since that time the personnel of the company has undergone a slight change, the present officers being: R. E. Gerkins, president and treasurer; Nelson Emmons, jr., vice-president; and H. H. Herman, secretary, and the capital stock has been advanced to $75,000. The office force has grown from five to twenty-five people, and two traveling salesmen cover a territory that extends fifty miles from Dayton in each direction, while the company maintains stations at both Dayton and Piqua. The well-appointed offices of the concern are situated at No. 419 Arcade building, Third street, with warehouse at Euclid avenue and the Pennsylvania railway. His success is the logical sequence of the natural unfolding and development of his native powers, and close application, indefatigable energy, integrity and determination have constituted the foundation of his achievements. While he has been an extremely busy man all his life, he has never been too greatly occupied to faithfully discharge the duties of good citizenship, and worthy civic movements have never been refused his support. He holds membership in the Greater Dayton association and the Rotary club, and is a thirty-second degree, Knight Templar Mason, and belongs also to the Mystic Shrine.

Harry H. Gerstner. Founded in 1906, the business of H. Gerstner & Sons, manufacturers of mechanics' tool cases and special cabinets, has grown from modest proportions to be a concern of recognized importance in its line. Its present directing head, Harry H. Gerstner, is one of the energetic, progressive and capable men in this field of endeavor and is widely and favorably known in business circles, being also president of the Knoll Tool and Machine company. Mr. Gerstner was born at Dayton, Ohio, February 11, 1884, a son of Herman and Minnie (Hutt) Gerstner, natives of Germany. His father emigrated to the United States in 1878, locating at Dayton, where he secured employment at his trade as a cabinet maker with the Barney & Smith Car works, but later turned his attention to the cooperage business on his own account, and was engaged therein for thirty years or up to the time of his retirement. Mrs. Gerstner also survives and they are faithful members of St. Paul's Lutheran church, while Mr. Gerstner likewise belongs to the Dayton Turners and the Schweibersher Society. There were

the following children in the family: Harry H.; Freda, at home; Adolph, of Dayton; David, of Buenos Aires, S. A.; Hilda, residing with her parents; Dorothy, the wife of John H. Shively of Dayton; and Margaret, who resides with her parents. Harry H. Gerstner was educated in the public schools of Dayton, and after his graduation from the Steele high school applied himself to learning the trade of patternmaker with the Buckeye Brass and Iron works, later being employed in that capacity by the Davis Sewing Machine company. When he left the latter, in 1906, it was to found the firm of H. Gerstner & Sons, in partnership with a brother, David Gerstner, who has since left the concern. The business continued to be operated at 825 Germantown street until 1913, when the present plant was built at the northeast corner of Columbia and Cincinnati streets, a three-story structure, 60 x 32 feet. In 1918 it was found necessary to enlarge the plant and an addition was accordingly erected, three stories in height, 20 x 40 feet. In 1910 Harry Gerstner admitted to partnership D. F. and F. S. Gerstner, and these three continued to run the business. There are twenty-five people employed in the plant, in the manufacture of mechanics' tool cases and special cabinets, and the firm is represented by a traveling salesman. The territory of the concern is the entire United States, and its product is favorably known wherever tool cases, chests and cabinets are in demand. During the war period, the business was engaged fifty per cent in filling government contracts. Mr. Gerstner has a number of important business connections and is president of the Knoll Tool and Machine company, at No. 125 Webster street, Dayton, another successful concern which is progressing and prospering under the stimulation of his excellent and progressive business methods. He belongs to the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, the Credit Men's association, the Kiwanis club and the Dayton Country club, and is prominent in Masonry, having passed the thirty-second Scottish Rite degree and being a Knight Templar, and is also a Shriner. As a churchman he is a Lutheran and belongs to St. Paul's congregation. Mr. Gerstner was married November 8, 1911, to Emma M., daughter of John and Babette Stickel, of Dayton, and to this union there have been born three children: Charlotte, Florence and Harriet Emma.

Charles J. Geyer. During recent years one of the advertising agencies which has come into prominence at Dayton because of the success attached to its operations, is the Geyer Dayton Advertising company, of which Charles J. Geyer is president. This company was estableshed in August, 1910, as a partnership, between Charles J. and B. B. Geyer, with offices in the Callahan Bank building. Its methods were productive of immediate success, and in 1912 the concern was incorporated for $15,000, with the following officers: C. J. Geyer, president; B. B. Geyer, vice-president; and M. C. Geyer, secretary and treasurer. The well appointed offices of the company are now located at Nos. 715-21 Dayton Savings and Trust building. Charles J. Geyer, president of the company, was born at Columbia Farm, June 17, 1865, a son of George Geyer. He received his education in the public schools and as a young man adopted jounalism as his life's vocation, coming to Dayton in

1879. Here he took a business course at Wilt's Commercial college, and in 1884 joined the staff of the Dayton Herald, where within three years he had risen to the position of business manager, and continued to retain that post for twenty years. In 1907 he was made general manager, and directed the policies of the Herald until 1910 when he resigned to embark in the advertising business, a change which he had been contemplating for some time. Mr. Geyer's long experience in the newspaper business fitted him admirably for his new line, and, added to this, he had the natural advertising man's ability and sixth sense, also possessing a wealth of new and unique ideas. His wide acquaintance among advertisers also assisted him at the start and from its inception the business proved successful. A general advertising agency business is conducted, and advertising campaigns of all sizes are carried on for the company's patrons, who include some of the largest and most important enterprises in the city. During the Liberty loan campaigns this agency handled all of the newspaper publicity for all five loans, B. B. Geyer being the organizer and head of the Citizens Liberty Loan committee. The company employs the services of two solicitors, as well as a large office working staff of artists and writers. Mr. Geyer belongs to various bodies, social, fraternal and civic, and is a citizen who is a public-spirited supporter of worthy and progressive movements. In his business, his ideas on advertising plans, copy and merchandising are seemingly inexhaustible, brilliant in their originality, yet, without exception, sound, sane and practical. Mr. Geyer was married October 10, 1887, to Miss Clara May Birch, daughter of John and Ellen (Brady) Birch, of Dayton, and they have three children: Mercedes, living with her parents; Bertram B., who entered the U. S. service during the great war and was made second lieutenant of field artillery at Camp Taylor; and Mary, at home.

Joseph M. Geyer. Like many other substantial business men of Dayton who are taking part in the growth and development of the city and its interests, Joseph M. Geyer is a native of Dominant Dayton and has passed his entire life within the limits of the municipality. He has passed his entire career with the same concern, in which by dint of industry, ability and fidelity he has advanced to the position of secretary and treasurer of the P. M. Harmon company. Joseph M. Geyer was born at Dayton, November 16, 1881, a son of Matthew and Harriet (Dunn) Geyer. The family has resided for a number of years at Dayton, and here was born Matthew Geyer, who for a number of years was a foreman in the plant of the Miami Box company. He is now deceased, as is also Mrs. Geyer, who was born at Wilmington, Ohio. Joseph M. Geyer attended the graded schools and the Steele High school, following which he prepared himself for a career in business by a course in Wilt's Commercial college, Dayton. On leaving that school he secured a position as bookkeeper with the P. M. Harmon company, of which he became secretary and treasurer in 1909. He has since continued his identification with this company, and his efforts have been prime factors in its continued growth and advancement. He is essentially and distinctively a business man, with few interests aside from

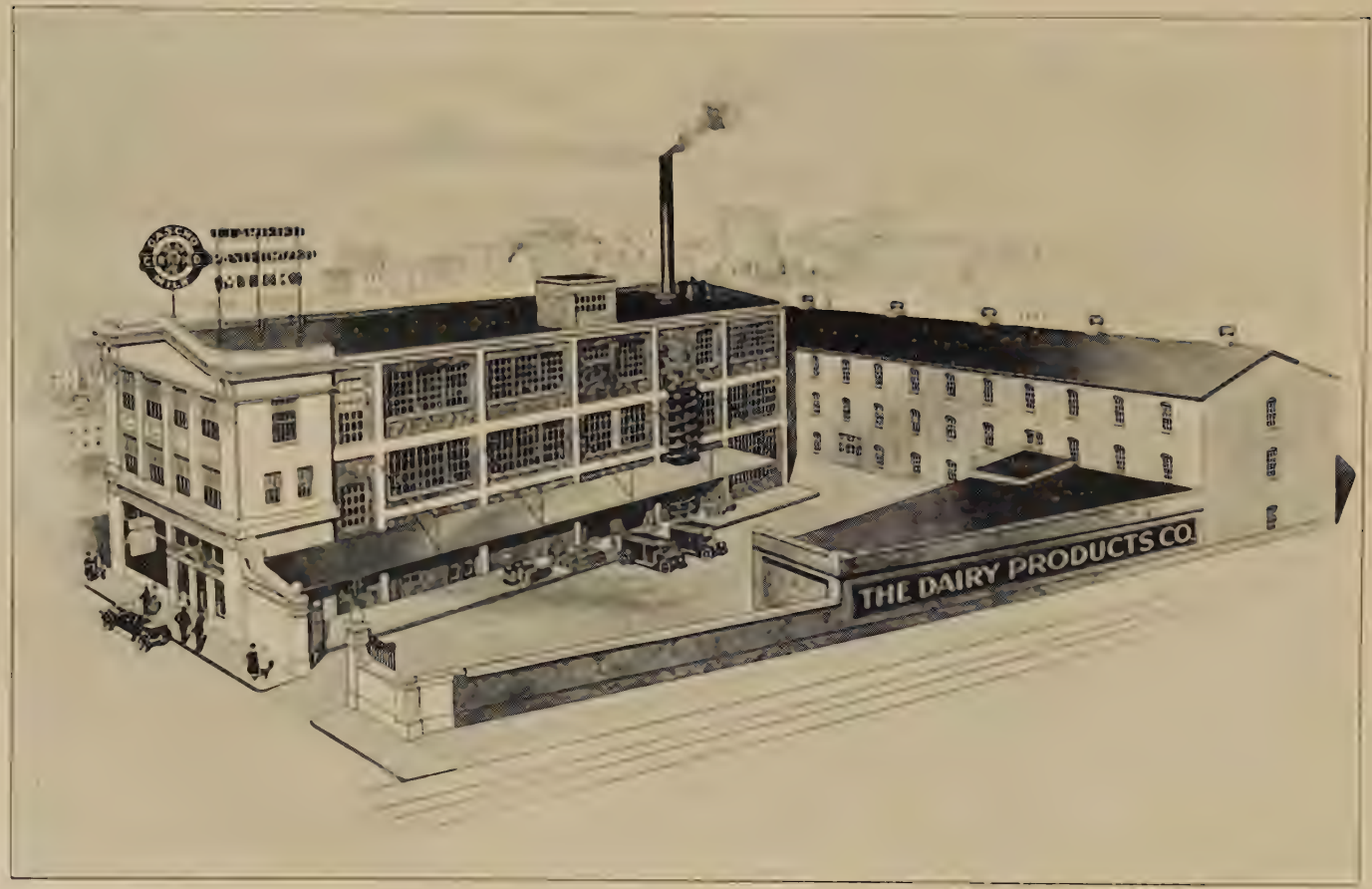
those of his home and office, but is easily approachable and has numerous warm and sincere friends. He was married in June, 1909, to Ada, daughter of Charles Thomas, of Dayton, and they are the parents of three children: Joseph and Thomas, twins, and Genevieve.

James F. Gibbons. How largely the reputation of a community depends upon the standard of efficiency and quality maintained by its leading hotels is a matter for conjecture. That a city's reputation is affected to a certain degree, however, is universally acknowledged, and for this reason Dayton is to be congratulated upon the possession of such modern and well-managed hostelries as the Hotel Gibbons, which is now under the personal direction of James F. Gibbons. This enterprising, alert and thoroughly capable hotel keeper was born at Dayton, December 28, 1881, a son of Michael J. Gibbons, Sr., and a member of one of Dayton's prominent business families. Educated primarily in the parochial schools and St. Mary's college, he next pursued an electrical engineering course at Notre Dame university, and then became identified with the M. J. Gibbons Supply company, subsequently being made manager thereof, a position which he held until April 11, 1918, when he became manager of the Hotel Gibbons. This well-known house, which is exceedingly popular with the traveling public, was formerly The Algonquin, and contains 350 rooms, 100 persons being employed in its various departments. Since Mr. Gibbons has been in charge the hotel has been thoroughly remodeled as to plumbing, heating, lighting, and furnishings, and is now considered one of the most modern establishments in this respect in the country. In addition to being manager of this caravansary, Mr. Gibbons is also president of the company which owns and operates the Warner hotel, at Chillicothe, Ohio. He is widely and favorably known, not only in the plumbing and heating and hotel business, but to the many whose acquaintance he has made while acting in the capacity of manager of the house which bears his name. During the period of the great war, Mr. Gibbons rendered excellent service by superintending the building and installing of the plumbing for the power and heating plant at Camp Sherman, Ohio. He is a popular member of the Bicycle, Exchange and Engineers' clubs, and his religious connection is with the Sacred Heart church. January 4, 1919, Mr. Gibbons was united in marriage with Miss Pearl Robbinson, of Piqua, Ohio.

Michael J. Gibbons, Jr., is the son of Michael Joseph Gibbons and Margaret Ann Gibbons. He was born in Dayton, Ohio, Sept. 15, 1883. He was educated in the Dayton public schools, St. Mary's institute and Steel high school; then going to college at Georgetown university; following this with a course in electrical and mechanical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Since 1906 Mr. Gibbons, jr., has been associated with his father and brothers in the management of the firm of M. J. Gibbons, engineers and contractors in heating and ventilation, plumbing, water supply, fire protection and automatic sprinklers. In 1909, M. J. Gibbons, jr., originated the mail order department in the M. J. Gibbons' firm, selling plumbing, water supply, heating and lighting systems throughout the United States. This department

was continued until shortly after the 1913 Flood. During the war M. J. Gibbons, jr., had charge of the designing and installation of all the mechanical equipment of the original installation at Wilbur Wright and McCook fields. Mr. Gibbons, jr., also had charge of part of the important contract work being carried on by the firm for a number of munition plants; and Gibbons' firm having the contract for the plumbing and heating at Camp Sherman, Acceptance park, Dayton Wright Airplane company, U. S. Naval Ordnance plant, as well as a number of other equipments in the munition plants in Dayton. In the early part of 1919 all of the contract work was eliminated, and the firm continued under the name of M. J. Gibbons Supply company, Jobbers of plumbing, steam, water and gas supplies; the firm being managed by Mr. Gibbons, jr. Michael J. Gibbons, jr., is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the American Society of Heating & Ventilating Engineers, the Engineers' club of Dayton, and the Knights of Columbus. He was one of the original promoters of Corpus Christi parish, serving on the building committee for the church and school, and was a member of the board of wardens for nine years. Mr. Gibbons, jr., was married June 12, 1907, to Bertha Lydia, daughter of Samuel E. and Ella R. (Woodmansee) Kemp of Dayton, and to this union there have been born five children: John, deceased; Michael Joseph, III, Samuel, Edith Catherine and Mary Patricia.

John N. Gibson, secretary and general manager of The Dairy Products company, belongs to that class of business men who are deserving of mention for what their names stand for in the line of achievement in their chosen fields of activity. The career of this successful Dayton business man has been an exemplification of typical ambitious manhood, and he is already accorded a place among the men whose activities are serving to maintain the prestige of his city as an industrial and commercial center. Mr. Gibson was born near Scio, Harrison county, Ohio, November 13, 1876, and passed his boyhood in an agricultural atmosphere. He attended the common schools and completed his educational training at Scio college, after his graduation from which he became bookkeeper at Columbus, Ohio, for a wholesale and retail grocery company. Subsequently he joined the forces of the Peruna company, as head bookkeeper, a position from which he advanced to the important office of general auditor and director, but in 1915 resigned and came to Dayton to become general manager for The Dairy Products company, to which duties he has since added those of secretary. The Dairy Products company was established in November, 1916, as successor to the Dayton Pure Milk & Butter company, which had been founded in January, 1902, by Henry Burkhardt, president; J. Edward Sauer, treasurer; and Louis J. Burkhardt, secretary, and which was located in a small plant at No. 219 E. Fifth street. At the time the new concern took over the interests of the company the new plant was erected at the same address, and this is now equipped with the most highly improved and universally approved dairy machinery, the plant having floor space of 33,000 square feet, which allows for the most desirable working conditions. Seventy-five people are given regular employment in this plant, and the an-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nual output approximates 1,300,000 gallons per year. The business is incorporated for $250,000, and the present officials are: L. J. Burkhardt, president and treasurer; J. Edward Sauer, vice-president; and J. N. Gibson, secretary and general manager. A member of the company since the time of its incorporation, Mr. Gibson has been able to contribute to its growth and development in many ways. His business abilities are of a high caliber, well meriting the confidence of his associates, who have looked to him on a number of occasions for advice and counsel in matters of importance pertaining to the company's interests. With the ever-changing conditions of a large industry like that with which Mr. Gibson is associated, come heavy responsibilities and grave issues. To discharge the one and meet the other, requires ability of no ordinary character. In addition there is needed just the kind of training that Mr. Gibson received, learning as he did all the details of office management, so that he can keep his company in the foremost ranks of those concerns which are regulating the market and conserving the natural resources of the country. Mr. Gibson is a well-known Mason and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He likewise holds membership in the Dayton club, the Dayton Bicycle club, and the Rotary club, and has allied himself with a number of civic movements which have served to advance the general welfare.

Curtis Ginn, M. D., has been an important factor in connection with professional circles of Dayton since 1896. Doctor Ginn was born in Shelby county, Ohio, July 17, 1872, and comes by his predilection for the medical profession naturally, his father having been the late Dr. Charles Fitch Ginn, who was engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery for many years at Miamisburg, where he became widely known and much beloved. The early education of Dr. Curtis Ginn was obtained in the public schools of his native community, and when he was still a lad began to become interested in the profession which he was to later make his life work. He attended Oberlin college and the Cleveland University of Medicine and Surgery, from the latter of which he was graduated in 1895 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Coming to Dayton that year, he became an interne in the Deaconess hospital, and at the close of his interneship, one year later, began his practice. For a period of twenty-three years he has continued to be one of the well known practitioners of surgery at Dayton, and has a well-equipped library, laboratory and office in the Reibold building. Doctor Ginn belongs to the Local State Medical society, the National Medical society, is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and has been on the surgical staff of the Miami valley hospital at Dayton for twenty-three years. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Masons, and socially with the Dayton City club and the Dayton Country club. Doctor Ginn was married at Dayton, June 8, 1898, to Grace, daughter of Frederick M. Hooven, of Dayton, a well-known business man, a review of whose career will be found in the sketch of C. C. Hooven, elsewhere in this work. Doctor and Mrs. Ginn are the parents of two children: Charlotte, a member of the class of 1919, Dana Hall, Mass.; and Curtis jr., who is still attending the Dayton public schools.

Clarence A. Gondert. In the history of Dayton business concerns there are to be found a number of cases where son has succeeded father in the management, and where the same high principles which actuated the elder man have been adopted by the younger, insuring the continued success of the enterprises which have been thus favored. In this class is mentioned the firm of Gondert & Lienesch, manufacturers of wooden boxes and crates, of which Clarence A. Gondert is now the directing head. While he came into a business fully established, it has been largely to Mr. Gondert's energy and progessive ideas that this enterprise has reached its present prosperity and standing, but the same admirable and honorable policy established by his father has always guided the younger man's actions. Clarence A. Gondert was born May 1, 1883, at Dayton, a son of William H. and Mary J. (Wenger) Gondert. His father, born at Taylorsburg, Montgomery county, Ohio, received a public school education, and for twenty-two years was engaged in the nursery business. When he retired from that line of endeavor he joined Theo. H. Lienesch in the purchase of the box factory operated by Adam Zengel, thus founding, in 1895, the business of Gondert & Lienesch. He became one of Dayton's substantial business men and continued in the management and operation of the factory until his death, May 19, 1913, when Dayton lost one of its capable and public-spirited citizens. He was an active member of the Chamber of Commerce and had other civic connections, was fraternally affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and as a charter member with the Knights of St. John, and was a devout member of Emmanuel Catholic church. He and Mrs. Gondert were the parents of four children: Ralph F., of Akron; Erma, the wife of Dr. G. A. Hochwalt, a practicing physician and surgeon of Dayton; Alice, the wife of W. E. Boren, of Dayton; and Clarence A. Clarence A. Gondert attended the graded schools of Dayton and the Steele high school, and as a youth adopted electrical work as the medium through which to gain his success. However, in 1904, he was induced to enter the business of Gondert & Lienesch, and under the preceptorship and instruction of his father learned in detail the various branches of the business, so that at the death of his father, in 1913, he was able to assume the responsibilities of partnership and discharge his duties in a capable way. He has since become one of the prominent young business men of the city, and now has the full confidence of his associates. The Gondert & Lienesch company manufactures all kinds of wooden boxes and crates, and disposes of the greater part of its product in local territory. In the modern factory, 20,000 square feet of floor space is available for use, and 100 people are given regular employment. Mr. Gondert is a popular member of the Bicycle club and the Dayton Rotary club, and has numerous friends in business and social circles who have watched his advancement with sincere interest.

George Goodhue, M. D., one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Dayton, who has been a member of the surgical staff of the Miami valley hospital since it was established, is a man of distinctive personality and one who has rendered valuable public service to his state. He was born at Westminster West, Vt., May

24, 1853. After attending the public schools of his native city, George Goodhue took courses at Carleton college, at Northfield, Minn., and Dartmouth college, being graduated from the latter in the class of 1876, with the degree of A. B. For the subsequent two years, he held the chair of chemistry at the Miami valley college at Springboro, Ohio, resigning it to locate at Dayton as a student in the office of Dr. John Davis. After a summer spent with this eminent physician in preliminary study, George Goodhue entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at New York City, and a year later, the medical department of Dartmouth college, from which he was graduated in 1879 with the degree of M. D. Doctor Goodhue then took a post graduate course of a year in university work in New York City from which he was graduated in 1880, and for the subsequent year was house surgeon of the Brooklyn City hospital. He was then an interne for three months at the Manhattan Eye and Ear hospital. Having thoroughly prepared himself, Doctor Goodhue returned to Dayton, April 1, 1881, and was taken into partnership by his former preceptor, Dr. John Davis, which association continued up to June 10, 1883, when it was dissolved by Doctor Davis' death, since which time Doctor Goodhue has practiced alone. He carries on a general medical and surgical practice, and has formed a very valuable connection, his services being called upon from a wide territory. Professionally Doctor Goodhue belongs to the Montgomery County Medical society, the Ohio State Medical society, the American Medical association, and he is a fellow in the American College of Surgeons. When the Miami valley hospital was opened, Doctor Goodhue was placed on its staff, and has continued to act in that capacity ever since, and for the past eighteen years he has also been one of its trustees, taking a deep and efficient interest in its advancement. The Ohio National Guard had Doctor Goodhue as major of the medical department, Third Regiment, for three years, during the period that Harry Mead was its colonel. Dr. Goodhue belongs to Dayton Lodge, A. F. & A. M. He also belongs to the Country club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Y. M. C. A. June 17, 1885, Doctor Goodhue was united in marriage with Miss Rose E. Kendall, a daughter of James W., of Terre Haute, Ind. Doctor Goodhue is a man who has always lived up to the highest ideals and standards of his profession, and his associates recognize the fact that he represents it in a manner distinctly successful and creditable.

Simeon A. Goss. Most intimately identified with the growth and development of any community are its business interests. They mould the life of its people, give direction to their efforts, and crystallize the present and future possibilities of the locality into concrete form. The leading business men of any community are its greatest benefactors, silently controlling the forces that bring progress and prosperity, and the measure of the credit that is fully due them is not always appreciated. Perhaps this pertains more particularly to the real estate business than to many others, for this is a field which is directly connected with expansion and growth everywhere, and whenever the development of certain localites is brought up, one of the names that is certain to be mentioned is

that of Simeon A. Goss. Mr. Goss has been engaged in the handling of real estate at Dayton since 1906 and through his labors several desirable localities have been added to the city, while his contributions to the building up of Dominant Dayton have been numerous. He was born at Mattawan, Van Buren county, Mich., November 1, 1866, a son of the late Simeon D. Goss, and received his education in the public schools of Lowell, his native state. As a youth he went to Grand Rapids, where he identified himself with commercial affairs, first in the capacity of a clerk and later as the proprietor of a retail grocery. In this connection he came into contact with large interests and eventually accepted an attractive and advantageous offer to travel for one of the big concerns of the Furniture City, W. F. McLaughlin, remaining as the representative of that house on the road for thirteen years. At the end of this time Mr. Goss was ready to enter business on his own account and decided to invest his capital in land at and near Dayton. During his travels he had looked over much territory, but had seen none that impressed him as favorably as did the property around the Gem city. His judgment in the matter of seeing this as a profitable investment has been vindicated by the marked increase of values which recent years have brought about. When he came to his decision, Mr. Goss prepared to locate permanently at Dayton, and with this end in view established himself in business as the Goss Realty company, his partner being Warren C. Deen. They remained together with mutual success until about 1910 when Mr. Deen withdrew, and since that time Mr. Goss has operated alone. His first place of business was located at No. 138 South Main street, whence he removed to No. 708 United Brethren building and then to 301 Commercial building. May 1, 1916, he established himself at 21 W. Fourth street, where he is now located. From small operations Mr. Goss has built up an extensive business and one that places him among the prominent realty men of the city. He handles both city and country properties and has negotiated numerous large deals, in addition to which he has done considerable building. One of his achievements was the platting, sale and settlement of the Goss plot, an addition to Dayton, and another, the Goss plot in Harrison township, likewise a matter of importance. He has a wide acquaintance among leading business men of the city, and is a dealer of the highest responsibility whose transactions have ever been carried on in an honorable and entirely legitimate manner.

Rev. George M. Grau. Whole-hearted love of humanity, intimate knowledge of the requirements of his fellow-men, sincere and zealous interest in the well-being of mankind and true Christianity are traits that go to the making of Brookville's venerable and beloved resident, Rev. George M. Grau, D. D. He is a man whose efforts in behalf of his kind have made him a distinguished and revered figure in a number of the communities of the state, and in the evening of life he can look back over a life in which he has forwarded a noble work and brought spiritual sunshine into many a darkened life. Reverend Grau was born at Philadelphia, Pa., September 27, 1848, the second in order of birth in a family of four sons and two daughters born to George M. and Catherine B. (Byer)

Grau, of whom three children are living. Philip J. Grau received a common school education and supplemented this by self-training in mechanical subjects, and is now chief engineer of the paper mills at Tyrone, Pa., where he has thirty-five engineers and firemen under his supervision. He is also consulting engineer for his firm's branch in Virginia. He is married and has one daughter, is a Republican and a member of the Odd Fellows, and belongs to the Baptist church. Rev. George M. Grau is next in order of the children. Rosa M., of Cincinnati, is the widow of James Mitchell, who was a commercial traveler representing the firm of Mitchell & Whitelaw of Cincinnati, has two sons and a daughter, and is a member of the Lutheran church. George M. Grau, the elder, located with his family at Cincinnati in 1855, where he established himself in business as a merchant tailor and built up a prosperous patronage. His career was interrupted by the outbreak of the Civil war, and Mr. Grau was one of the first to answer the call of President Lincoln for volunteers, being an original member of the Guthrie Ray Division, 1st Regiment, Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, Company A, commanded by Captain Wheeler. The regiment rendezvoused at Cincinnati, and was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland, under General Rosecrans, but later was transferred to the Trans-Mississippi department and placed under the command of General Grant. Mr. Grau fought valiantly as a soldier until a Confederate rifle bullet at the battle of Shiloh put an end to his usefulness as a soldier and he was given his honorable discharge and returned to Cincinnati. There his death occurred in October, 1874, his demise without doubt being hastened by the rigors and hardships of army service. He was a staunch Republican and a great admirer of President Lincoln, and was a faithful member of the Lutheran church. Mrs. Grau was born in Germany and was a child when brought by her parents to the United States, the family settling at Philadelphia, where she was reared and educated. She died in the faith of the Lutheran church, in March, 1907, at the advanced age of ninety-three years, and was laid to rest beside her husband in the Spring Grove cemetery, at Cincinnati. Rev. George M. Grau was reared at Cincinnati, to which city he had been taken by his parents as a lad of seven years, and there his early education was secured in the public schools and the intermediate department. Subsequently he entered Wittenberg college in 1870, being graduated in the class of 1875 in the classical course and then was a student in the seminary of the same college, graduating in 1877 in the theological course. His first charge in the ministry was at Brookville, in 1877, where he was the pastor of the Lutheran church for six years. In 1883 he went to Wapakoneta, Ohio, where he remained as pastor two years, and in 1885 went to Mifflin, where he continued for a period of four years, during which time he erected a new church edifice. He then received a call to Bucyrus, Ohio, remaining three years, at the end of which time he accepted the post as secretary of Wittenberg college, during the presidency of Rev. Dr. Ort. After five years of hard and responsible work his health failed and he gave up his labors temporarily and went to his farm in Richland county, Ohio. During the period that he had

held the secretaryship, he had charge of the endowment fund of Wittenberg college and not only raised $25,000, but was instrumental in securing numerous students. When he resumed his ministerial labors it was to answer a call to McClure, Ohio, where he remained as pastor for seven years, but in October, 1914, retired from active ministrations and located at Brookville, where he has since made his home. Reverend Grau is a man who has ever possessed and showed forth an industrious spirit, untiring zeal, a real love of humanitarian work, combined with ideals of the highest nature, so that when he directed these virtues in religious channels the result was bound to be beneficial to those who were most of all in need of such action. In the course of nature, his earthly chapter will be completed, but finis will not be written to his work. Its influence is mightier than his humanity, and will live long after him, for it was built upon the solid foundation of unselfish devotion to the unfortunate and with a Christ-like love for those in need of spiritual guidance and encouragement. Reverend Grau is a Democrat in politics, but while he has been a staunch supporter of the principles of that party has never sought public office. Fraternally he is affiliated with Libanus Lodge, No. 80, F. & A. M., the Chapter and Council and the Scottish Rite, thirty-second degree of Masonry. Reverend Grau was married in 1876 to Mary M. Haarstrick, and to them there were born five sons and two daughters, of whom four children survive. Maude was given a high school training and attended the Ohio State Normal school and Wittenberg college, graduating from the science department. She was also a student of the Morse School of Technology, at Chicago, and is now teacher of science in the high school at Franklin, Pa. She is a devout Lutheran, and is the wife of Fred J. Huntsman, a merchant of Franklin. Charles H. Grau is a graduate of the high school of Lucas, Ohio, and also took the full course in chemistry and pharmacy in the Ohio State university, following his graduation from which he entered the United States navy, in which he was a pharmacist and chemist for fourteen years, of which eight years were spent in continuous service on the ocean. He is a Republican and a member of the Lutheran church, and a resident of New Jersey, where he is married and has one son. George Grau is a graduate of the Lucas (Ohio) High school and for two years studied law, but eventually turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and is now engaged in farming in Madison township, Montgomery county. He is married and has one son, Alvin, and is a Democrat politically. The other child, James M. Grau, is a high school graduate and located at Mansfield, Ohio, where he is chief inspector of engines for the Pennsylvania Railroad company. Politically he is a Democrat. He is married and has a son, Mervin, and a daughter, Mary. The first wife of Reverend Grau was a native of Hamburg, Germany, born in 1852 and died in 1895. She was an infant when brought to the United States by her parents, the family settling at Cincinnati, where her father was an artisan, a cabinet maker and designer, and superintendent of the plant of Mitchell & Rannelsburg company. Her father died at the age of seventy-two years and her mother when seventy-six. Mrs. Grau was educated in the

public schools and for a period of ten years was a successful school teacher in Cincinnati, Ohio. June 18, 1907, Reverend Grau contracted his second marriage when he was united with Bessie Irene, daughter of John and Elizabeth R. (Harman) Weaver. Two children have blessed this union: Jeanne, in the fourth grade of the public schools, whose musical talent is being developed by instruction in piano and violin, and Glenn, the baby. Mrs. Grau is a native of Montgomery county, born August 9, 1875, the only living child of the two sons and one daughter born to her parents. Her father, also a native of that county, was an agriculturist throughout his active career and at one time had 160 acres of land, although the home farm now consists of ninety-nine acres. He traced his ancestry to old Pennsylvania German stock, and was a strong Prohibitionist, taking a definite and undeviating stand upon the question of temperance. His wife was born October 21, 1853, in Preble county, Ohio, and was four weeks old when brought by her parents to Montgomery county, where she still resides, making her home with her daughter and son-in-law at Brookville. Mrs. Grau attended the common schools and graduated from Wittenberg college in the class of 1897 in the classical department. She is a musician of marked talent, and not only has received much instruction in music, but has also been a teacher and has started numerous students on the path to successful musical accomplishments. In her husband's charitable and religious work she has proved of great assistance, and in the movements of the Lutheran church she has been one of the most active participants, being especially interested in the work of the Lutheran Sunday school at Brookville, of which she was formerly a teacher. Both Reverend and Mrs. Grau are numbered among the leading and representative residents of Brookville and it is eminently fitting that a record of their lives should appear in the Memoirs of the Miami Valley.

William D. Graves. The most capable, successful and prominent men are not always those who enter upon their careers with the expressed ambition to achieve something especially great and famous, but in practically every case they are found to be those who at the outset place due valuation upon honor, integrity and determination. Possessing these qualities as a capital, William D. Graves entered upon his business career, and during the course of years has won an enviable place in Dayton business circles, proving his worth by capable management and careful direction of his affairs which has constituted an element in the city's industrial development as well as in his personal success. Mr. Graves, who is president of the Ohio Rake company, was born at Dayton, January 9, 1865, a son of Henry C. and Sarah J. (Dickey) Graves. Educated in the public schools, he was still a lad when he entered the employ of the Ohio Rake company, a business which had been established in 1884 by Allen E. Thomas, president, John T. Bell, vice-president, and W. D. Graves, secretary and treasurer. This business at the outset was incorporated for $50,000, and during the next quarter of a century grew to large proportions. Mr. Graves rose rapidly in this concern, of which he became president in 1910, Mr. Imus at that time assuming the duties of the office of vice-president, and

W. D. Graves, jr., secretary. In 1913, the business was incorporated for $300,000, and at this time employs 350 people in its large modern plant on Albany street near the Big Four railway, and keeps ten traveling salesmen on the road, the product of this company finding a favorable market in an area covering a wide expanse of territory. A review of Mr. Graves' career demonstrates what a man can accomplish provided he has the natural ability and willingness to develop his talents along the lines for which he has aptitude. Without a doubt his association with the company, of which he is the head, has proved a powerful factor in its growth and advancement. Mr. Graves is primarily a business man, but enjoys the congenial companionship of his fellow-men, and is popular with his fellow-members in the Dayton, Dayton Country and Buz Fuz clubs. Mrs. Graves was formerly Florence, daughter of James Stockstill, of Dayton. There have been seven children: Henrietta, the wife of Rufus I. Worrill, of Dayton; W. D. jr., of Dayton; Josephine, deceased; and Gladys, Jane, Horace and Julia, who reside with their parents.

William A. Gravett, D. O. When he entered upon his career, Dr. William A. Gravett did not do so as a professional man, but as one interested in business affairs, and it was not until 1900 that this well-known and skilled Dayton osteopath took up his real life work. Since that time he has made steady and continuous advancement in his calling, and since locating at Dayton, in 1908, has built up a large and representative practice and earned recognition at the hands of his fellow-practitioners. Doctor Gravett was born at Grayville, White county, Ill., February 19, 1871, and there received his early education in the public schools. Subsequently he pursued a course at the University of Wisconsin, after which he took a position with the Morgan company, a lumber concern of Oshkosh, Wis. It was while he was connected with this company that he first became interested in osteopathy, being in a position where he had recourse to noting its practical benefits in several serious cases. First merely as an interested spectator, later as a student, and finally as a devotee, he applied himself to its teaching, and eventually entered the American School of Osteopathy, at Kirksville, Mo., the famous institution founded by the late Dr. Andrew Taylor Still. Doctor Gravett had the benefits to be derived under the instruction of the venerable founder and president of this school of medicine and surgery, who, not many years before had been a penniless and lonely physician, ostracized by his own profession because of his beliefs in the efficacy of treating disease without medicine by means of adjustment of the bony framework and natural structure of the body by the hands; but who had the happiness, eventually, of witnessing during his lifetime the fruition of his labor in the establishment of seven colleges in different parts of the country and a national organization of osteopathic physicians and surgeons. Never before in the world's history has an independent school of practice achieved such progress in such a brief space of time, and never in all history has any separate school of practice been recognized by the legislatures of more than forty states. Following his graduation from the American School of Osteopathy,

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in 1900, with the degree of D. O., Doctor Gravett engaged in practice at Piqua, Ohio, where he remained until 1908, in that year coming to Dayton. He has since built up an excellent practice and an extensive reputation, and at this time maintains a suite of well-appointed offices at No. 765 Reibold building. An accurate and cautious observer, as the boundaries of osteopathic knowledge are pushed farther he has kept fully abreast of the advancements being made, and has identified himself as a member with the Dayton District Osteopathic society, the Ohio Osteopathic society and the American Osteopathic association. His splendid talents and natural abilities have been recognized by his fellow-practitioners, and a number of honors have come to him as a result. At this time he is a member of the executive committee of the state body, and was chairman of the department of public affairs during 1917-18 and 19, and in July, 1919, he was elected executive secretary of the American Osteopathic association. His religious connection is with the Unitarian church, and fraternally he is affiliated with St. John's Masonic lodge, the Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias. Doctor Gravett was married November 23, 1910, to Miss Maude Stanley Patty, daughter of Charles M. Patty, of Pleasant Hill, Ohio, and they are the parents of three chillren: Charles Hugh, Edmund Johnson and Patty Jane.

Francis Clay Gray, M. D., senior surgeon at St. Elizabeth's hospital at Dayton, is one of the physicians and surgeons of this city, whose reputation is firmly established over a wide territory. He was born at Monticello, White county, Ind., March 23, 1858, a son of Dr. William Bell Gray, a native of North Carolina, who when eighteen years old came to Ohio. A millwright by trade, he soon began studying medicine, and later located at Winchester, Ohio, where he was engaged in a general practice. After some years, he moved thence to Lewisburg, Ohio, and from there to Monticello, Ind., but returned in time to Lewisburg, where he died at the age of eighty-three years. Francis Clay Gray attended the Lewisburg public and normal schools, and then took the full course at Starling Medical college, now the Ohio State university, and was graduated in 1878, following which he took a post graduate course at the New York Polyclinic, and also at Rush Medical college, he being in the first post graduate class of that institution. Returning to Lewisburg, Doctor Gray began practicing with his father, but in 1890 he left Lewisburg for Dayton, and since then has continued alone. He carries on office work, consultation work and general surgery, and has built up a very valuable practice. Professionally Doctor Gray belongs to the Montgomery County Medical society, the Ohio State Medical society, the American Medical association, and the National Congress of Surgeons, and his connection as senior surgeon with St. Elizabeth's hospital gives that celebrated institution added prestige. Doctor Gray is a Mason and Knight of Pythias, and he also belongs to the Y. M. C. A. May 29, 1891, he was united in marriage with Miss Payson Gregg, a daughter of Rev. Gregg of Yellow Springs, Ohio. Doctor and Mrs. Gray have one daughter, Mary Elizabeth, who is at home.

Dr. Paul A. Greathouse. The fundamental principles of osteopathy are based on a modern conception of the physical body of man. This conception is the result of the practical study of the anatomy and physiology of the body itself, and postulates that since the body is essentially mechanical in its anatomical aspects and vital in its physiological processes, it should be regarded as a vital-mechanical organism in the etiologic diagnosis and treatment of its disorders. In recent years, Osteopathy has been rewarded with greater and greater recognition, and its devotees have swelled from a mere handful several decades back to thousands. An earnest and skilled practitioner of this art is found in Dr. Paul A. Greathouse, who has been engaged in its practice at Dayton since 1913. Paul A. Greathouse was born at Franklin, Ohio, March 4, 1889, a son of Harry Greathouse. He attended the grammar and high schools of his native place, and entered upon his career as a clerk in a grocery store there. However, a mercantile career did not meet with his ideas in regard to his life work, his ambitions turning to professional lines of endeavor. Having become interested in the subject of osteopathy, after some preparation he went to the American School of Osteopathy, at Kirksville, where he pursued a full course and was duly graduated with the degree of Doctor of Osteopathy, in June, 1912. Before coming to Dayton, he was engaged in practice in association with Doctor Linville, but since then has carried on an independent practice, at 505-6-7 Conover building, where he shares offices, but not practice, with Dr. O. G. Stout. During the comparatively short time that he has followed his profession, Doctor Greathouse has built up a large and lucrative practice, and his professional career has been characterized by some remarkable cures. In his work he has pursued none of the methods of the charlatan; but on the contrary his professional labors have been such as to not only gain him the confidence and warm regard of his patients, but high standing in the ranks of his calling, and at present he is secretary of the Dayton District Osteopathic society. He also holds membership in the Ohio State Osteopathic society, the Miami Valley Osteopathic society and the American Osteopathic association. Doctor Greathouse is also popular and well known in social circles of Dayton, where he is secretary of the Kewanis club, one of the most exclusive of the city. He also has several business and civic connections, and is fraternally affiliated with the Masons, and with the Theta Psi fraternity. Doctor Greathouse was married November 2, 1914, to Miss Marjorie Borden, of Germantown, Pa., and they are the parents of one son: Paul B.

The Green Engineering Company has proved a valuable acquisition to the general industrial and commercial activities of the city of Dayton, where it had its inception in 1915. The founder of this important enterprise is Carl R. Green, who continues as its executive head and whose eneregy and executive management have brought about the substantial development of the business. The former location of the establishment was situated on Levee street, between Third and Fifth streets, whence removal was made to the present modern headquarters, on South St. Clair street, on the

1st of January, 1919. The company specialized in the manufacture of aluminite pistons and connecting rods, iron pistons, piston rings, special cylinder-heads for Ford automobiles, and all kinds of replacement parts for automobiles of all types and makes. The establishment has the best of facilities for the rebuilding of motors, the grinding of cylinders, etc., and the shops are modern in every detail of mechanical equipment, 50,000 square feet of floor space being utilized, and employment being given to a corps of fifteen expert mechanics. During the period of the nation's participation in the World war thirty per cent of the output of the factory was tool work for the American emergency fleet. The enterprise is on a most substantial basis and as president of the company Mr. Green has secured a place as one of the representative business men of Dayton.

Carl R. Green was born at Logansport, Ind., December 23, 1875, and in his native city he acquired his early education in the public schools. He then entered Purdue university, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1898, with the degree of Mechanical Engineer. After his graduation Mr. Green went to the city of Chicago, where for a time he was in the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad company. He then took a position with the Austin company, at Harvey, Ill., and thereafter was employed by the Chicago Ship Building company. In the western metropolis he gained further experience of value, by association with the Chicago Pneumatic Tool company, for which concern he traveled extensively throughout all sections of the United States. His next alliance was with the New York Air Brake company, at Watertown, New York. Upon leaving this concern he returned to the employ of the Pneumatic Tool company, with which he remained until he established his independent industrial enterprise. In 1906, Mr. Green effected the organization of the Dayton Pneumatic Tool company, of which he became president, but later he accepted the position of manager of the Columbus Pneumatic Tool company, in the capital city of Ohio. Upon leaving this company he returned to Dayton to become chief engineer of the Speedwell company, besides which he here served as chief engineer of the Mead Engine company. His next decisive movement was made when he effected the organization of the company of which he is now president. He is a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers, the Ohio Auto Trades association, the Society of American Engineers, the Engineers club of Dayton, and the Dayton Chamber of Commerce. The marriage of Mr. Green and Miss Mary Wolfe was solemnized November 30, 1910.

Weston Green. Among the notable achievements in recent Dayton business history, one which is worthy of something more than passing mention, has been the development of the cracker manufacturing concern of The Green & Green company. Founded here in a modest way in 1898, during the twenty years that have followed its growth has been phenomenal and has typified the splendid abilities and true spirit of western progress which have served to carry the name and fame of Dayton to far-distant points. The business was originally established in Chicago, in 1896, the founders

being John W. and Weston Green, father and son. The former was born at Dayton, May 9, 1841, and after receiving a public school education was variously employed until the outbreak of the Civil war. He enlisted in Company I, 11th regiment, O. V. I., and served for four years and three months, or until the close of the struggle, establishing a fine record for bravery and faithful performance of duty, and advancing to the rank of first sergeant. At the close of the war he engaged in the wholesale hardware business with William H. Harron, at Dayton, continuing in that line until 1877, when he went to the Northwest. Ten years later he went to Chicago and was engaged in several lines of business endeavor until 1896, when, with his son Weston, he founded the cracker manufacturing business of Green & Green. While the business was successful in the Illinois metropolis, conditions looked more promising at Dayton, and in 1898, father and son came to the Gem city and started their factory at First and Main streets, where they employed about ten people. Under their energetic and well-directed efforts business became brisk; confidence was generated by a policy of straightforward business transactions; and trade was attracted by the high quality of the firm's product. As a result, from time to time the working force was increased, new machinery and equipment was installed, and finally it was found necessary to find larger quarters. In 1906, accordingly, the present plant, a five-story structure, 100x120 feet, at Concord and Cincinnati streets, was erected. At the present time the plant is engaged exclusively on government contracts, and about 475 people are being given constant employment. In normal times fifteen traveling salesmen are kept on the road, operating within a radius of 150 miles of Dayton. The business is incorporated for $250,000, and retains the same name, The Green & Green company, although the elder of the founders passed to his final rest in 1911. He was a Republican, belonged to the First Presbyterian church, and was a member of the G. A. R. Mr. Green married Margaret Ellen Waring, who is also deceased, and they became the parents of two sons: Weston; and Joseph W., who has been a member of the firm of Green & Green since 1901, and is its efficient secretary and treasurer. Weston Green, now senior member of the concern, and one of the founders, was born at Greenville, O., and as a youth attended the public schools of Dayton and Chicago. Later he was sent to Shattuck Military academy, at Faribault, Minn., and on his return from that institution located again at Chicago, where he was identified with the printing business until associating himself with his father in the field of cracker manufacturing. He has been one of the most energetic and industrious of workers, and much of the success of the business is attributable to his enthusiasm, progressiveness and recognition of opportunities. Like his father, he occupies a high place in business circles, where his acquaintance is large and where his judgment, ability and integrity are recognized and respected. Mr. Green has been connected with a number of civic movements and is now a member of the Greater Dayton association. He is also a Mason and holds membership in the Dayton club.

George Shaw Greene. Ready adaptation to opportunity, a capacity for gauging the possible increase in values and the well developed speculative instinct which places the natural broker in a class by himself, are factors which have directed the business energy of George Shaw Greene, of Brien, Greene & Company, of Dayton. This concern, dealing in stocks and bonds, has been in existence for less than five years, yet has already assumed a prominent place among the firms of its kind at Dayton, where its members are widely and favorably known in financial circles as men of sound ability and marked integrity. George Shaw Greene was born at Buffalo, N. Y., April 9, 1884, a son of John Bradley and Nancy A. (Shaw) Greene. His father, born at Buffalo, N. Y., was educated at Dartmouth college, and for many years was a leading practitioner of law at Buffalo, where at one time he was city attorney, and where his death occurred. Mrs. Greene, who still survives as a resident of Dayton, is a daughter of one of Dayton's best known and most prominent citizens, the late George W. Shaw. Mr. Shaw was born at Rising Sun, Ind., but his young manhood was spent at Madison, that state, where he practiced law. He had already made a record as a serious student, being a graduate from Oxford "primus primorum," his rank in both Latin and Greek equaling that of his mathematics—a most unusual mental combination. According to an article by Charlotte Reeve Conover, in the Dayton Evening Herald, it was at the time that he was practicing at Madison that it happened a Dayton gentleman, well known and honored, James Perrine, had a business errand to Madison; and, going there in pursuit of it, took with him for company his beautiful daughter, Mary Perrine. In some way not recorded in the family annals the young couple met. It was a case of love at first sight, and the result was Miss Perrine became Mrs. George Shaw, November 24, 1851, and went to Madison to preside over the new home. The eldest daughter, Ella, was born there. But business interests as well as family ties drew the young couple to Dayton, where Mr. Shaw accepted a position with his brother-in-law, Johnson Perrine. Later, Mr. Lytle was taken in, when the firm became Perrine, Lytle & Shaw, with a long career of usefulness as dry goods merchants. The business house was situated on the north side of Second street, between Main and Jefferson. The first home of the Shaws was in a double house on the south side of Second street, below Perry. The Whitehills and the Browns occupied the two sides, respectively. In this house was born a second daughter, Nancy, afterwards Mrs. John Bradley Greene. Their next house was a gray brick, still standing, on Wilkinson street, between Second and Third, and here a son, James, was born. At that time Mr. Greene had just built a handsome mansion on the southeast corner of Third and Perry streets which, for some reason, was offered for sale before it was wholly finished. Mr. Shaw liked the house, bought it, finished it, moved in and lived there for the next fifty-six years. Two children were added to this family after they occupied the Third street house: Julia, afterward Mrs. Frank Patterson, now Mrs. H. G. Carnell; and George, also still living. Much hospitality of a generous sort was extended at the Shaw home, for

both Mr. and Mrs. Shaw loved to gather friends around their table. Among the dearest memories held by those belonging to Mr. Shaw are those of the romps and games in which the father was always the leading spirit. As he grew older he became increasingly popular with young people, not only with his own, but with those of his friends and associates, who found in him a valued friend and a wise counsellor. Having, by the time he reached forty, achieved a competence, Mr. Shaw retired from business, and expected to spend the remainder of his life in reading, fishing (of which he was very fond, witness his twice-a-year trips to Middle Bass island until he was eighty-two years old), driving around Montgomery county and enjoying his friends and his children. But to an active man time lies heavy in unoccupied days. It occurred to him, doubtless as a good excuse to get back into the harness, that an idle father was a bad example to two growing sons. So he bought out the Pitts agricultural works and remained at the head of that enterprise for many years. Death came into the Shaw household twice during the more than half a century they lived under that roof. Ella, the eldest daughter, passed away just as she was entering womanhood, and James, the eldest son, as he was on the threshhold of his career. There were two weddings, both daughters going out of the old home into new homes of their own. The declining years of both Mr. and Mrs. Shaw were happy, honored and peaceful. They traveled extensively in Europe, accompanied by the two younger children, and were preparing to go to the Orient when the Boxer rebellion broke out. When increasing years made travel no longer possible, they sat in each other's own best company and awaited the end cheerfully. Mr. Shaw read as long as he could and then his children read to him. On the last day he lived the morning news was read to him and his interest was as great as it had been during his long life. Up to within a few years of his death, he was a wide and voluminous reader, his taste being catholic and his discrimination keen, and he was probably as well informed a man as there was in his day at Dayton, while he possessed also a remarkable memory and capacity for assimilation. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw were life-long members of the Third Street Presbyterian church and generous contributors to its upkeep. The descendants of the Shaw family are: George Shaw, his wife, Sophie Craighead Shaw, and two children; Julia Shaw Carnell and three children, Mary Perrine, Jefferson Patterson and Stuart Patterson; and Mrs. John B. Greene and two children, George Shaw Greene, of this review, and Katherine Greene Brenner, with three children.

After attending St. Paul's school, Concord, N. H., George Shaw Greene became a student at Yale university, which he left in 1906. He then took a trip around the world with his mother, and upon his return settled down to a business career, for which he had been partly prepared by a short course in bookkeeping at Wilt's Commercial college, Dayton. For two years he was identified with the National Cash Register company, following which he was in the service of the Dayton Electrical Manufacturing company until 1914, at which time he embarked in business on his own account, as a member of the co-partnership of Brien, Greene & Company,

stocks and bonds. As before noted, the business has prospered and flourished, and is now accounted one of the leaders in its line of Dominant Dayton. Mr. Greene holds membership on the Chicago Board of Trade and is an active worker in the Greater Dayton association, while his club connections are with the Dayton, Dayton Country, Buz Fuz and Yale clubs. He is a Republican, but not active in politics, and his religious connection is with the Third Presbyterian church. October 19, 1910, he married Miss Daisy Mead Talbott, daughter of Col. H. E. Talbott, of Dayton, and to this union there has been born one son: John Bradley.

John Bradley Greene, a lifelong resident of Buffalo, N. Y., and whose career is eminently appropriate of presentation here, was one of the ablest and most highly respected members of the New York state bar. He was a native of Buffalo, N. Y., born August 2, 1849, a son of William H. and Helen Temperance (Bull) Greene, and secured his early educational training in the public schools. Later he entered Dartmouth college, from which institution he received the degree of Doctor of Laws. After further preparing himself through association and study with his father, who was one of the leading attorneys of Buffalo, he engaged in practice on his own account, and when only twenty-five years of age he was elected city attorney of Buffalo. From that time forward his advancement in his profession was steady and unfaltering, and he eventually acquired in full degree the confidence of a large clientele and the public in general, and the unqualified esteem of his fellow-practitioners. His death, October 16, 1893, when he was but forty-four years old, cut short a career that had given great promise of being one in which he would rise to eminent heights in the domain of law. Mr. Greene was a member of the Buffalo Athletic club and had various other connections, business, social and professional. He and the members of his family belonged to the Presbyterian church, and he was a Mason of high rank. June 4, 1879, he was united in marriage with Nancy Andrews, daughter of George Wilson and Mary (Perrine) Andrews, of Dayton, and to this union there were born two children: Katherine Thompson, wife of Walter M. Brenner, of Dayton, with four children, Nancy Shaw, Walter Murry, Jr., John Lewis and Keturah Greene; and George Shaw Greene, of Dayton, who married Daisy Mead Talbott, and has two children, John Bradley II and Harry Talbott.

Jacob Greenwald, secretary and treasurer of the Zwick-Greenwald Wheel company, of Dayton, has been a dominating personality in the growth of this company, his success in the upbuilding of which has been due to his financial and executive ability. This concern has been in existence at Dayton for more than a half a century, and in recent years Mr. Greenwald's progressive policies have gone far toward shaping its course and expansion. Jacob Greenwald is one of Dayton's sons who has achieved his success in his native community, for he was born here April 5, 1872, his father being Jacob Greenwald, the elder, who was born in Germany. Emigrating from Hesse-Darmstadt to the United States at the age of seventeen years, as a poor youth with only the trade of wagon

maker to assist him, he located at Dayton, where he first found work at his vocation, and where he was subsequently one of the founders of the Zwick-Greenwald Wheel company, in 1859. This concern started in a modest manner, but developed and expanded as good workmanship and superior product began to make their effort felt upon the trade, and at the death of Mr. Zwick, Mr. Greenwald assumed the presidency, continuing in that position until his death. He was a thoroughly capable business man, while his standing was such as to give him the full confidence of his associates and the public. The educational training of Jacob Greenwald, the younger, was secured in the public schools of Dayton, and when he was but seventeen years of age he began his career as a worker in his father's factory. Under the excellent tuition of the elder man he became a skilled and competent wagon maker and wheelwright and for seventeen years was employed in the mechanical end of the business, rising from post to post and gradually assuming charge of the factory. Eventually he was taken into the office, to learn the incidentals of the executive department, and in 1908 was made secretary and treasurer of the concern, positions which he still retains. During his business career at Dayton, Mr. Greenwald has formed a number of important connections of a business character and has generally established himself as a substantial and capable man of affairs, inspiring confidence and maintaining congenial and profitable associations. He belongs to Dayton lodge of the Masonic fraternity, and with the members of his family holds membership in the Memorial Reformed church. June 22, 1898, he married Caroline E., daughter of Philip and Catherine (Fey) Greenwald, of Dayton.

Clarence N. Greer, of Dayton, is a capable and efficient public servant, a leader of the state democracy, and a citizen who has impressed the force and straightforwardness of his character upon the legislation and institutions of Ohio. He is a native of Dayton, born April 29, 1870, a son of John E. and Martha (Newcomb) Greer. The father, who was born at New Carlisle, Clark county, Ohio, and who served as a soldier of the Union during the struggle between the North and the South, came to Dayton about the year 1866, and here established himself in the practice of law. He became one of the well-known and successful legists of the city, and continued in the enjoyment of a growing practice and reputation until his death, May 20, 1895. Clarence N. Greer received his education in the public schools of Dayton, and as a youth secured his first employment as deputy clerk in the county auditor's office. Later he held a like position in the county treasurer's office, and from this position went to the water works office of the city, where he remained several years. He was also secretary of the safety department of the city, and subsequently received the appointment as tax commissioner of Montgomery county, this being followed by his appointment to his present post, as head of the taxation department of the county auditor's office. During his long service in these positions, Mr. Greer has established a record for loyal, expeditious, conscientious and efficient work. From the time he reached his majority, Mr. Greer has been interested in politics, and has long

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been one of the most prominent and influential Democrats of Dayton, and has been a member of the board of election for twelve years. At the present time he is chairman of the Dayton Democratic Central committee and of the Montgomery County Democratic Central committee, and secretary of the Ohio Democratic Central committee. Mr. Greer is a Mason of the thirty-second Scottish Rite degree and a Shriner, and belongs to the Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the Dayton club. He was married in March, 1915, to Miss Pearl Bachelor, of Dayton, and they have two children: William and Lucile.

Edward D. Grimes. As president of the City Railway company, Edward D. Grimes occupies a position that immediately concerns the people of the municipality, and in which he has been able to make this public utility one of real satisfaction and gratification to the citizens. Into his direction of this great enterprise he has brought the experience gained through many years of connection with large business enterprises, for Mr. Grimes is one of the prominent manufacturers of the city as president of the Tower Varnish & Dryer company, and is also widely known in financial circles as vice-president of the Dayton National bank. He was born July 20, 1858, at Dayton, a son of Charles G. Grimes, and a grandson of Alexander Grimes, one of the early bankers of Dayton, and a great-grandson of Col. John Grimes, who changed his name from John Graham to John Grimes, and who was a Revolutionary officer and one of Dayton's earliest residents, and some time between the years of 1804 and 1810 kept a tavern at the latter place. Charles G. Grimes was born at Dayton, where he received his education, and for some years was associated with his father in the conduct of the old Dayton State bank. Later he engaged in the linseed oil business, and this he followed until his death in 1894. The public schools of Dayton furnished Edward D. Grimes with his educational training, following which he attended a commercial college. For a time he was identified with his father's linseed oil business, then entered the Second (now Third) National bank. He was subsequently with the John Stoddard Manufacturing company, and in 1883 became associated in the Tower Varnish company as a partner. About 1890 he became president of the company at its reorganization and incorporation, and this office he has filled to the present. In the meantime, Mr. Grimes has been interesting himself with other business affairs. In 1893 the City Railway company was organized and at once acquired the Third Street line; the Fifth Street line, including the Green line (Eastern Division), which had been given its franchise in 1889 and had commenced operation in 1890, and the Dayton & Soldiers' Home railroad, which began operation April 7, 1890. In 1895 the Third Street line was extended to the Soldiers' Home, and later still the Broadway and Kammer street lines were built, the former in 1903-1904 and the latter in 1906. The City Railway company now includes over thirty-six miles of track, and the capital of the company is now $3,000,000. Over this large enterprise Mr. Grimes has governed with marked ability, splendid business shrewdness, and tact and diplomacy of a high

order. He is giving the people of Dayton excellent service and has maintained a standard that is well worthy of emulation by the directing heads of other large cities' transportation lines. Socially, Mr. Grimes is well known, belonging to the Dayton, Buz Fuz clubs and is also president of Miami County club and treasurer of the Woodland Cemetery association. He was married April 26, 1888, to Miss Eleanor Legler, of Dayton, and they are the parents of two children: Charles G., who is a member of the United States navy, and Miss Mary, who resides with her parents.

Francis W. Gruen. Throughout his business career at Dayton, Francis W. Gruen has been identified with banking interests and is today the efficient and popular cashier of the First Savings and Banking company. He was born at Columbus, Ohio, September 12, 1879, and there received his early education in the public schools. His higher education was prosecuted at the Ohio State university, where he took his degrees of Bachelor of Philosophy and Bachelor of Laws as a member of the class of 1899, and during the next year was admited as a practitioner before the state courts of Ohio. His early experience as an active attorney was secured while he was connected with the law firm of Harman, Colston, Goldsmith & Hoadly, at Cincinnati, but in 1901 he left that concern to accept the post of commandant at the Miami Military institute. This position he retained until 1903, in which year he came to Dayton and assisted in the organization of the First Savings and Banking company, November 7. O. W. Irvin was made president of the institution and still retains that place, as does C. W. Bieser, who was made the first vice-president; and Mr. Gruen, who became cashier at the time of the organization. The first board of directors consisted of D. W. Allaman, Eugene Wuichet, Horace Irvin, Louis Kette, Joseph J. Schaefer, O. W. Irvin, Charles W. Bieser, Francis W. Gruen and George Schantz, and this board continues the same with the exceptions of Eugene Wuichet, who has been succeeded by Frank Wuichet, and Joseph J. Schaefer, who has been succeeded by Eugene J. Schaefer. This institution is capitalized at $100,000, and has an earned surplus of $85,000, and deposits of more than $2,000,000. The present banking house, the pioneer bank office building in Dayton, was erected in 1917 and was thrown open to the public June 28 of that year. The institution claims the best vaults and banking quarters in the Miami valley. Mr. Gruen has won his advancement in banking circles through his close application, his constant study of conditions and his inherent ability as a financier, as well as his earnest purpose and his knowledge of human nature. He has built up a reputation that has made his name a synonym for integrity and probity in the business world, while the substantiality of the institution with which he is connected is everywhere acknowledged in banking circles, the enterprise having made a most creditable reputation throughout the fifteen years of its existence. Mr. Gruen is a Republican, but has not been particularly active in political matters. He has utilized his time to the greatest advantage, has made the most of his opportunities, and in business and legal circles as well as in social life has become prominent and popular.

Paul R. Gruner. With a record of more than half a century of clean and reliable activities in supplying the news to the German reading public of Dayton, the Greater Dayton Gazette has long been considered a firmly established institution among publications of the city, and during recent years, under the management and editorship of Paul R. Gruner has been a strong factor in the Americanization movement. Mr. Gruner has been identified with this newspaper in various capacities since 1907, and since 1914, has been its owner. Paul R. Gruner was born at Falkenstein, Saxony, April 5, 1873, a son of Herman and Emilie (Riedel) Gruner, natives of the same place, where the mother still resides, the father, a baker by trade, being deceased. Educated in the public graded and high schools, Mr. Gruner worked for a time in a factory in his native land, and this line of employment he also followed after coming to the United States in the fall of 1892, as a youth of nineteen years. For a time he resided at East Hampton, Mass., but subsequently removed to Milwaukee, Wis., where he traveled in the interests of a Milwaukee gymnastic paper, and also made collections therefor. From this work he went to Cincinnati, where he was employed on the Free Press, and in 1907 came to Dayton as a reporter for the Greater Dayton Gazette. He steadily advanced until made city editor, and later editor, and in 1914 became its owner by purchase The Greater Dayton Gazette had been established August 1, 1866, by George Meder, who had modest offices on the fourth floor of the old United Brethren building. Later he moved to South Main street, but when the new United Brethren building was erected, he returned to his original location. In 1890 he went to Fourth and St. Clair streets, but a short time later changed to the present location, at No. 107 S. St. Clair street. In 1895 Edward Meder, a son of the founder, became proprietor and continued as such until selling out to Mr. Gruner in 1914. The paper is printed in the German language and has a circulation of 4,000 readers, residing all over the Miami valley. It is published daily, except Sunday, and ten people are given employment. Recently it has been Mr. Gruner's policy to support strongly the movement for Americanization in the paper's columns, and the Gazette has done much in this way to foster and advance a high standard of citizenship. Mr. Gruner is also the owner of the property where the paper is printed, and he contemplates the erection of a new and modern plant in the near future. He is a member of the Turner society, the Liederkranz, the Deutsche Eiche, the Dayton Chamber of Commerce and the Y. M. C. A. November 27, 1907, he married Martha Duerigen, of Cincinnati, and they had three children: Paulina, Herbert and Christina, all living at home. Mrs. Gruner died February 13, 1915, and Mr. Gruner was married December 22, 1917, to Helen Billhorn, of Chicago, Ill.

William Henry Guckes. The monotony which frequently attends the following of a certain line of activity throughout one's life has never found a place in the career of William Henry Guckes. His life has been one in which he has followed a variegated assortment of occupations, and his constant loyalty to the principles of the Republican party, together with his own sturdy worth of char-

acter, found recognition, in November, 1918, when he was elected to his present position as recorder of Montgomery county. Mr. Guckes was born at Dayton, Ohio, November 5, 1860, a son of Henry and Susan (Silzell) Guckes. After attending the public schools of Dayton, Mr. Guckes learned the brick mason's trade under his father, but did not immediately apply himself to that vocation, instead securing employment as a clerk in the store of John Warbinton, for four years. When he left Mr. Warbinton's service he worked at his trade as a mason for eight or ten years, and then entered the baggage room of the Union station, where he was employed for fifteen years. While there he was made first train crier, and when he left that post it was to become night watchman for many of the large banks in the city. Subsequently Mr. Guckes was employed by the Dayton Street Railway company and was thus engaged at the time of his election, in November, 1918, to the office of recorder of Montgomery county. Ever since casting his first vote Mr. Guckes has been a stalwart supporter of the Republican party, and has always been considered one of the wheel-horses of the organization in his city. In the capacity of county recorder he is rendering faithful and efficient service and is establishing an excellent record as a public servant. He is fraternally affiliated with St. John's Lodge, No. 13, F. & A. M., and Summit Lodge No. 50, K. of P. July 2, 1889, Mr. Guckes was united in marriage with Clara, daughter of Henry Pfeiffer, of Dayton, and to this union there have been born two children: Elmer H., of Dayton; and Hazel L., deceased.

Oliver I. Gunckel. During nearly four decades of time, the career of the Columbia Insurance company of Dayton, and that of Oliver I. Gunckel, have been synonymous. Mr. Gunckel was one of the founders of this company, in 1881, and brought to it the experience gained through connection with other companies in the same line of activity, and during the years that have followed his has been the main guiding spirit which has brought it to its present-day success. Oliver I. Gunckel was born at Germantown, Montgomery county, Ohio, May 23, 1846, a son of Dr. George W. and Julia (Ayers) Gunckel, also natives of Montgomery county. The father, a dental practitioner by profession, followed that calling for many years at Germantown, where he became well and favorably known both to the public and in the circles of his vocation. The parents have been deceased for many years. Oliver I. Gunckel was sent to the public schools of Germantown, and the great conflict between the North and South came on at a time when he was but on the threshhold of his career. In 1863, when he was but seventeen years of age, he enlisted in the United States Signal Corps, and from that time to the close of the Civil war served the Union with faithfulness and bravery, establishing an excellent record and gaining the friendship and respect of his comrades and officers. Returning home after having accompanied the troops of General Sherman upon their famed March to the Sea, as well as participating in the Grand Review at Washington, D. C., he resumed the duties of civil life as bookkeeper for the Merchants Insurance company of Dayton. He left that post to become secretary

of the Cooper Insurance company of this city, remaining in that capacity ten years, and in 1881 was one of the organizers of the Columbia Insurance company of Dayton, his associates in this enterprise being E. M. Thresher, president; and S. W. Davies, vice-president, Mr. Gunckel's position at the start being that of secretary. The business was incorporated for $150,000, and the offices located at the northeast corner of Second and Main streets, the stated business of the company being the underwriting of fire insurance. In 1912, the company built the three-story, 34x101 foot building, at the northwest corner of Jefferson and Second streets, where the company now occupies the entire second floor with the offices, in which ten people are employed. There are 160 agents employed by this company, the territory of which extends over a wide area. In 1913, Mr. Thresher died, and Mr. Gunckel ascended to the presidency. S. W. Davies remaining as vice-president; and Herman Rice becoming secretary. The Columbia Insurance company is accounted one of the most substantial in the state, and has an excellent reputation in insurance circles, as well as among the general public. It has an unblemished record for prompt payment of claims, and its officials have always been men of the highest integrity and personal probity. Mr. Gunckel is perhaps as well grounded upon the principles of the insurance business as any man in the state. He has a number of important business connections, and belongs to Old Guard Post, G. A. R., and to the Third Street Presbyterian church, in addition to which he is a thirty-second degree Mason and Knight Templar. Mr. Gunckel was married October 10, 1872, to Harriet, daughter of Joseph and Caroline (Johnston) Sutphin, of an old and honored family of Middletown, Ohio, and to this union there have been born three children: Dr. Joseph S., a practicing physician of Cincinnati; George, who has the rank of colonel in the United States Army; and Julia, the wife of George B. VanSickel, of Garden City, N. Y.

Pearl L. Gunckel, M. D. A physician of twenty years' standing at Dayton, Dr. Pearl L. Gunckel has attained something more than ordinary reputation in applying the principles of internal medicine in the treatment and cure of disease, and today ranks among the prominent practitioners in his special field. He was born at Urbana, Ohio, October 9, 1871, a son of Philip W. Gunckel, and a great grandchild of Philip Gunckel, founder of Germantown, Ohio, and when but a child was taken by his parents to Harper, Kan., where he was given his early educational training in the public schools and the Harper Normal School and Business college. Having decided upon a career in medicine, he enrolled as a student at George Washington university, Washington, D. C., and was graduated with his degree of M. D. in the class of 1898, following which he became assistant gynecologist at the Central Dispensary and Emergency hospital at Washington. Subsequently he completed an interneship at the Eastern Dispensary and Casualty hospital, also at Washington, and in August, 1899, came to Dayton, where he began the general practice of medicine. He has continued to make progress in his profession, and his practice is representative. In 1912, he completed a post-graduate course at the Philadelphia

Polyclinic. Doctor Gunckel's well-appointed offices are located in the Medical building. He belongs to the Montgomery County Medical society, the Ohio State Medical society, the American Medical association and the Dayton Academy of Medicine. Before entering active practice, Doctor Gunckel gave himself a thorough training, thus laying the foundation for the carefulness and thoroughness which have always been characteristic of his work. To his labors he has given freely of all that he has gained through a study of fundamental principles and their application to the lives of the people. Fraternally, he is connected with the Masons, of which he is a thirty-second degree, a Noble of the Mystic Shrine and a prophet of the Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. October 7, 1914, Doctor Gunckel was married to Bertha, daughter of Armstrong R. Howland, of Bellbrook, Ohio.

John G. Haas. Few leaders in the field of plumbing, heating and ventilating at Dayton have advanced more steadily to success than John G. Haas, the prime secret of his uniform advancement being the union of excellent business judgment, a thorough knowledge of his field of activity and an unbounded energy which has carried him steadily forward. The incumbent of the position of first vice-president of the William Haas company was born near Lima, in Allen county, Ohio, February 13, 1880, a son of Adam Haas. His father, who was engaged in agricultural pursuits during the greater part of his active career, is now retired and a resident of Dayton. John G. Haas received only a graded school education at Dayton, where he started to be self-supporting at a tender age, as a messenger boy in the employ of the Western Union Telegraph company. From this employment he advanced to that of bell boy at the Atlas hotel, and there through industry and fidelity earned promotion to clerk. This work, however, did not satisfy his ambitions, and he eventually apprenticed himself to the plumber's trade with the firm of P. & W. Haas, which had been founded several years before. In 1908 William Haas of the firm took over the plumbing and heating end of the business, which, January 1, 1918, was incorporated for $60,000, as the William Haas company, and with this concern John G. Haas has continued to remain. The officers of the company at this time are: William Haas, president and treasurer; John G. Haas, first vice-president; Charles W. Ringelspaugh, second-vice president, and Clarence W. Koch, secretary and assistant treasurer. The company owns a large modern plant at 429 E. Third street, using 18,000 square feet of floor space and employing sixty skilled mechanics. In the plumbing, heating and ventilating line this concern has handled some of the largest and most important contracts let at Dayton. Mr. Haas, in addition to being well and favorably known as a capable, decisive and progressive business man, has numerous connections of a social and civic character, and is a trustee of the Dayton Turner society and a member of Schiller Lodge of Odd Fellows. He was married September 10, 1902, to Anna M., daughter of August Delscamp, of Dayton.

Michael M. Haas. In the shoe trade of Dayton, one of the best known and most capable business men and dealers is Michael M. Haas, president of the Haas Shoe company and of the H. & G. Shoe company. Both of these concerns have grown and developed under his direction and management, and with the passage of the years Mr. Haas has become recognized not only as a successful merchant but as an active factor in the shoe industry of the city. He was born at Dayton, March 27, 1870, a son of the late Hon. Louis Haas, one of the prominent men of Dayton during his day, who was at one time deputy probate judge and later served for several years as president of the board of city affairs. The public schools of Dayton furnished Michael M. Haas with his educational training, following which he entered the employ of the D. C. Arnold company, a shoe business, which was successor to the business of William Arnold & Son. In 1900 Mr. Haas became the main owner of this business, when it was incorporated as the Haas Shoe company, on South Main street, with a capital of $25,000, and the following officers: M. Haas, president and general manager; August Gummer, vice-president; and C. H. Gummer, secretary and treasurer. Eight people are employed in this establishment, which occupies a modern store, where 25,000 square feet of floor space is utilized. The H. & G. Shoe company was organized in 1908, with the same officials, and was incorporated for $20,000. It employs nine people, and has the same amount of floor space as that occupied by the other establishment. Both stores handle Hanan, Howard & Foster, Leonard & Barrows, Excelsior, Armstrong and Krippendorf & company footwear. Mr. Haas's reputation as a business man of integrity and sound worth has been built upon many years of honorable dealing, during which his associates have found every reason to depend upon him implicitly. He is a Scottish Rite Mason of the thirty-second degree and a Knight Templar, belongs to the Mystic Shrine, is a Pythian and an Elk, holds membership in the Bycicle club, Dayton Country club and Rotary club and is a member of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce. June 9, 1897, he married Maida, daughter of Henry R. Gummer, of Dayton, and they were the parents of one child, Charles, now deceased.

Philip Haas. In 1895 there came into existence at the corner of St. Paul and Richard streets, Dayton, a small and unpretentious plumbing establishment which bore the business name of Philip Haas. This concern took its place among other small establishments, but its ambitions and energies soon carried it to substantial growth, and today the Philip Haas company is known throughout the country as the manufacturer of some of the most desirable products connected with the plumbing trade. The founder of this business, Philip Haas, whose recognized position in manufacturing circles rests not alone upon his abilities in a business way, but because of his inventions as well, was born at Mittelstadt, Hesse, Germany, June 7, 1874, a son of Michael Haas. Educated in the public schools of his native land, he was fourteen years of age when he came to the United States with his father, who died six months after their arrival at Dayton. It was necessary that the youth be self-supporting, and he accordingly applied himself to learning the trade of tin-

smith, but followed that business only a short time, subsequently accepting employment as a furniture packer for the Stengel establishment on Taylor street. Later he was with F. J. McCormick & Company, and, having mastered the plumbing trade, worked thereat as a journeyman for several years. In 1895 Mr. Haas embarked upon a business of his own, as noted above, and a short time later admitted to partnership his brother, the firm name then becoming Philip & William Haas. The business was moved to No. 28 S. Jefferson street, where it remained until 1904, in which year the brothers started the erection of a building at No. 429 E. Third street. In the meantime, in 1900, Philip Haas had invented a frost-proof water closet, which he conducted as a side line on his own account, and in 1907 the partnership between the brothers was dissolved by mutual agreement. In the following year, Philip Haas built the building at No. 123-125 N. Webster street, a four-story and basement structure, 100 x 53 feet, which is equipped with the most modern machinery and appliances. In addition to the invention aforenamed, Mr. Haas manufactures a hydraulic flushing valve for toilets and modern devices for sanitation which he has patented in all leading countries. He employs ten people and sells his products to jobbers and plumbing houses from coast to coast, the business having enjoyed a steady and constant growth. Mr. Haas is a capable, energetic and thoroughly reliable business man, and in addition to being president of the Philip Haas company, is treasurer of the Knowles Machine and Tool company. August 22, 1900, Mr. Haas was united in marriage with Catherine, daughter of Peter Steiger, of Dayton, and they are the parents of five children: Albertina, Marie, Helen, Alma and Esther, and they reside at No. 1000 Linden Avenue. Mr. Haas and his family belong to the Lutheran church.

William Haas. Among the business men of Dayton who belong to the self-made class, few can lay greater claims to being the architects of their own fortunes than William Haas, president of the William Haas company. Entering upon his career as an apprentice at the bench, through his own energy, determination and initiative, he has risen steadily until he finds himself today, when still in the very prime of manhood, at the head of what is acknowledged to be one of the leading concerns of the city in the line of plumbing, heating and ventilating. Mr. Haas was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, March 17, 1878, and there received his early education. He was still a lad when brought to the United States by his parents, who settled at Dayton, and here he attended the public schools and pursued a course in Beck's Commercial college. From the first he was attracted to the plumbing business, and entered upon his career with a firmly fixed goal in view, his first employment being as an apprentice to the plumbing trade with the firm of Crowley & Stewart. When he had mastered his trade, he engaged in business with his brother, Philip, as P. & W. Haas, and this association continued until 1908, when William Haas took over the plumbing and heating department of the business. Under his capable and energetic management this grew rapidly, and January 1, 1918, the William Haas company was incorporated for $60,000. The officers

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of the company at this time are: William Haas, president and treasurer; John G. Haas, first vice-president; Charles W. Ringelspaugh, second-vice president, and Clarence W. Koch, secretary and assistant treasurer. At the large modern plant, situated at 429 E. Third street, 18,000 square feet of floor space are available, and sixty skilled mechanics are given constant employment. Among the plumbing, heating and ventilating contracts successfully and efficiently handled by this concern may be numbered hundreds of public and factory buildings and thousands of residences. Mr. Haas is a man of much force of character, a naturally capable executive and an energetic leader who is fully conversant with every detail of the business which he governs. He has a number of important business connections and is vice-president of the Federal Tool and Machine company and a director of the Gem City Packing company. He holds membership in the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary and Present Day and Equinox clubs and the Dayton Turners. He is ex-president of the Ohio State Association of Master Plumbers and Dayton Association, ex-secretary of National Association of Master Plumbers, and is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, a member of the Mystic Shrine and the Elks. October 2, 1901, Mr. Haas married Ida M., daughter of Adam Adelberger, of Dayton, and they have five children, namely: Margaret E., Charlotte M., Katherine B., William, jr., and Frederick M.

Charles S. Hall. Keeping pace with the marvelous development of the electrical business, and becoming an important factor in the distribution of its many commercial utilities, the progressive firm operating as the William Hall Electric company, has been established at Dayton for thirty-five years. It has always been abundantly financed and well officered. Charles S. Hall, who, before his death, which occurred February 15, 1919, was treasurer and general manager of the William Hall Electric company and was identified with this concern throughout his entire business life. He was born at Dayton, Ohio, January 4, 1873, a son of William Hall and a brother of William Hall, who founded the present business house that bears his name. The latter was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, June 16, 1860, a son of William Hall. He obtained his education in the public schools and then learned the locksmith and bell hanging business and in 1883 embarked in business for himself under the style of the William Hall Electric company, his business location being No. 210 E. Third street. He installed the first electric bells used in the hotels in Dayton. Later removal was made to larger quarters at No. 14 W. Second street, and the handling of the Columbia type of bicycles was added to the business in 1894. In 1905 the business was incorporated, capitalized at $18,000, with the following officers: William Hall, president; J. E. Sollenberger, vice-president; M. W. Nichols, secretary; Charles S. Hall, treasurer and general manager. Further expansion becoming necessary, in 1907 the business was moved to No. 116 W. Fourth street and the handling of a full line of electrical goods and installations followed and such was the further rapid growth that in 1912 the premises at No. 114 W. Fourth street were annexed. In September, 1916, the company took possession of their present commodious quarters on

East Third street, occupying five floors of a building with dimensions of 100x40 feet and one floor of a warehouse that gives them 40x80 feet of floor space. Employment is afforded sixty people at the plant and four traveling salesmen represent the company over the country. The capital has been increased to $200,000, and the business is one of the solid and important enterprises of this section. Charles S. Hall attended the public schools of Dayton and Beck & Beck commercial college. He was thirteen years old when he began work for his brother, who, three years previously, had started the business that has developed to such large proportions, and continued in the industrial ranks until 1905 when he became a member of the firm after some previous experience as bookkeeper. Mr. Hall's usefulness as a business man was not confined to his personal affairs for at times he was elected to the city council and with great good judgment served as city safety director. Politically he was a Democrat. Mr. Hall was married June 28, 1905, to Miss Edith Elizabeth Kopf, who is a daughter of Louis and Catherine (Raschke) Kopf, of Dayton, and to them were born twin sons: Charles Louis and Thomas James, born February 19, 1911. Mr. Hall was identified with the leading fraternal organizations, including the Masonic and Elks, and was an enthusiastic member of the G. D. A. and belonged also to the Rotary and Dayton clubs.

Edward T. Hall. For more than a quarter of a century Edward T. Hall has been actively connected with the abstract business at Dayton, during which period he has gained a substantial reputation. Mr. Hall is a native of Dayton, and was born November 22, 1863, a son of James H. and Bridget (Houlihan) Hall, the former a native of Dayton, where the family is an old and highly respected one, and the latter born in Ireland. For a number of years the late James H. Hall was successfully engaged in the furniture business and at the close of his business career was elected recorder of Montgomery county, an office which he filled with credit for several terms. The education of Edward T. Hall was secured in St. Joseph's parochial school, and at the outset of his career he began to learn the abstract business in the office of C. F. Swadener, of Dayton. At the age of thirty years, in partnership with a brother, John J. Hall, he embarked in a venture on his own account, one which has proved so successful that for a number of years Mr. Hall has been accounted one of the leaders in his business in the Miami valley. Since the death of his brother, April 9, 1910, he has conducted the business alone, with offices in the county recorder's office. The abstract business of Mr. Hall has not been confined to any special field, but has been of a broad and general character, and his advice is sought by a number of the leading business interests of Dayton. He is a valued member of the Dayton Rotary club and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he and Mrs. Hall are members of St. Joseph's Catholic church. September 30, 1890, Mr. Hall was married to Margaret C. McGrath, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Roach) McGrath, of Buffalo, N. Y., and they are the parents of two sons: James E. and Edward A., of Dayton, and the grandparents of one child: Edward A., jr., son of Edward A. Hall.

William H. Hangen, one of the well-known agriculturists of the Phillipsburg and Brookville community in Montgomery county, is one whose achievements and accomplishments in farming and high standing in citizenship entitle him to more than passing mention. For many years Mr. Hangen and his estimable wife, both of whom are members of old and honored families of the Miami valley, have resided here, and their friendships are numerous in the community which has been benefited by their active and useful careers. William H. Hangen was born in Darke county, Ohio, July 4, 1857, one of twins born to Phillip and Catherine (Herman) Hangen. There were eight children in the family, six sons and two daughters, and of these but two survive: William H. and Jacob. Jacob, a resident of Greenville, Ohio, is a retired agriculturist owning 800 acres of good land, was educated in the public schools, and is marmied and has had ten children, of whom nine are living. He is a Democrat in national politics, but in local affairs votes rather for the man than the party, and he and Mrs. Hangen are members of the Lutheran church. Phillip Hangen was born in Bremen, Germany, November 3, 1817, and died February 2, 1903. He was reared and educated in his native land, where he was married and where five of his children were born. He left his native land in a sailing vessel, and after a trip of forty-two days crossing the Atlantic arrived at New York, whence he made his way to Miamisburg, Ohio, where he located in 1849, the year of the discovery of gold in California. He had no cash capital, but was a good blacksmith and managed to secure employment at wages which enabled him to save sufficient money with which to purchase twenty-two acres of land in Monroe township, Darke county. This little property was lost through Mr. Hangen's inability to say "No" and his kind-heartedness, for he went security for an acquaintance who failed to live up to his obligations, and the little farm, so hardly earned was taken from Mr. Hangen. However, he started again, going into debt for eighty acres of land, and this time made a success of his operations, so that when he died he was the owner of 220 acres. This land was all under cultivation, although it had been originally timbered land, was cleared of its trees and stumps through the hard, unceasing work of himself, his faithful and devoted wife, and his energetic children. He was a Democrat in politics, and he and Mrs. Hangen were faithful members of the Lutheran church. She was born in the same locality as was her husband, November 16, 1817, and died May 8, 1888. She was a kind and noble-hearted mother and wife, a friend to the sick and needy, and never left her door on her errands of mercy empty-handed. Both she and her worthy and industrious husband were laid to rest in Ithaca cemetery, where monuments mark their last resting place. William H. Hangen was born in the log cabin home and secured his education in the same kind of building. His life has been passed as an agriculturist, and as a man he has been one who has stood for honor and integrity in all avenues of activity. September 25, 1881, he married Miss Elizabeth C. Ortman, and to this union there were born four sons and three daughters, of whom six children are living: Fred W., Flora Almeda, Phillip P., Laura Belle, Mary Agnes and

Cleo John. Fred W. Hangen was educated in the common schools, and is now employed successfully as an electric welder, is a Democrat in politics, and he and his wife are Lutherans. He married Minerva Miller, and they are the parents of three children: Earl C., Elizabeth and Cleo C., all attending school. Flora Almeda Hangen was educated in the common schools, and married Charles L. Michael, one of the progressive young agriculturists of Clay township, Montgomery county. He is a Democrat and they are members of the Lutheran church. Phillip P. Hangen, also an agriculturist of Clay township, was educated in the public schools, and is a Democrat in politics, and he and his wife are members of the Lutheran church. His first wife was Ethel Shaner, who died leaving one child, Esther May, and by his present wife, who was Myrtle Pansing, he has four children: Isabelle, William, Dorothy and Emmeline E. Laura Belle Hangen was educated in the public schools of Clay township, and married Elmer Kendall, a successful merchant of Dayton and a Democratic voter. Mr. and Mrs. Kendall are Lutherans and the parents of three children: Ruth, Alberta and Edward John. Mary Agnes Hangen was educated in the graded and high schools and married Pearl J. Simmons, successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits in Clay township, and a Democrat. They are members of the Lutheran church and have four children: Margaret L., Robert Gail, Luther and Berenice Lucille. Cleo John Hangen became one of Uncle Sam's boys during the late war and was with the Army of Occupation in Luxemburg, Germany. Reared a farmer boy, with a public school education, at the call of his Government he went, October 3, 1917, to Camp Sherman, where he remained until February, 1918, and then was sent to Camp Arthur, Waco, Tex. May 23, 1918, he was sent to Camp Upton, L. I., and after a short time was transferred to Canada, shipping from Halifax, May 31, 1918, bound for London. The time taken to cross the Atlantic was seventeen days, and from London he went to Brest, France, and then directly to the trenches. He took part in the bloody carnage and fiercely contested engagements of the Argonne Forest and Chateau-Thierry, but came safely through unwounded, and is with his parents in his native land. The mother of the foregoing children, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Hangen, was born October 3, 1859, in Montgomery county, Ohio, a daughter of Henry and Richie (Pansing) Ortman, the parents, natives of Hanover, Germany, both being deceased. Seven children of the family of four sons and four daughters still survive, and all are residents of Montgomery county. Mrs. Hangen received her education in the public schools. When she and her husband started their married lives they possessed but little capital, but were possessed of great resources of determination and push, and these they have utilized in such a way that they have made a success of their lives. Mrs. Hangen has stood faithfully by her husband's side through all the years, not only raising her family to honorable and useful man- and womanhood, but also being ready with wise counsel and good advice. Mr. and Mrs. Hangen are the owners of eighty-six acres of fine land as well as the splendid buildings thereon, and a fine property at Brookville. Mr. Hangen was formerly the owner of fifty acres in Darke county,

where, in September, 1897, he suffered a severe loss by fire, all of his buildings being destroyed, and thereafter he disposed of the property. He is a Democrat in politics, and cast his first presidential vote for Samuel J. Tilden, and has always supported the principles of that party. Officially, he has acted in the capacity of member of the board of school directors, a position in which he has shown his friendship for the cause of education during the past twenty years. He has also been justice of the peace of Monroe township one term and township trustee of Clay township, Montgomery county. He and his wife are faithful members of the Lutheran church and have had their share in the erection of three separate church edifices. Their beautiful country property, known as Maple Avenue farm, lies one and one-quarter miles west of Phillipsburg. Here there is found good cheer and hospitality in great abundance, with the open hand of warm welcome always extended to the many friends whom this worthy couple have made during their long and helpful residence in the county.

William H. Hanley. The career of William H. Hanley illustrates most forcibly the possibilities that are open to a young man who possesses sterling qualifications. It proves that neither wealth nor position, nor the assistance of influential friends at the outset of his career, are at all necessary to place a young man upon the road to success. It also proves that ambitious perseverance, steadfastness of purpose and indefatigable industry, combined with sound business principles, will be rewarded, and that true success follows individual efforts only. For some fifteen years Mr. Hanley has been before the people of Dayton in official capacities, and in his present position, that of clerk of Montgomery county, is displaying a high order of efficiency and conscientious fidelity to duty. Mr. Hanley is a product of Dayton, having been born in this city November 22, 1876. His education was limited in his youth to the advantages to be obtained from attendance at the public schools, and he was still a lad of tender years when he entered upon his career as an independent worker and wage earner. His first employment was one which has started many a youth to success and position, for his earliest work was done in the uniform of a messenger of the Western Union Telegraph company. This work held him only until his ambitions led him to seek something in which there seemed to be better chance for advancement, and when opportunity offered in the shape of a position with the Davis Sewing Machine company he was not slow to answer the call. There his industry, cheerfulness and energy won him promotion, and he was able to master the trade of machinist, this putting him in a position where his emoluments each week were far more satisfactory than they had been. Subsequently, he resigned his position to transfer his services to the National Cash Register company, with which great concern he worked for some years in the capacity of machinist. During a large part of this time Mr. Hanley had been intensely interested in public affairs and politics. He gradually became an influential factor in his part of the city, and was eventually selected as a member of the city election board, upon which he served most capably for a period of thirteen years. This service brought him favorably to

the front, and when his party looked for a likely candidate for the office of county clerk, in 1916, he was the logical man for the position. The citizens of Dayton seemed to hold a similar opinion, for at the polls he received a large majority over his opponent, and since that time he has handled the affairs of his office in a manner that has led his fellow-citizens in Montgomery county to refer to him as one of the best men the county ever had in the clerk's office. Mr. Hanley has a wide acquaintance among leading men of the Miami valley, particularly in public and political life. He belongs to St. Anthony's Catholic church, and is a contributor to worthy movements, religious, educational, civic and patriotic. Mr. Hanley was married June 29, 1907, to Miss Clara W. Siebold, daughter of Charles and Mary (Moyer) Siebold of this city.

Lawrence J. Hapner. In adding the name of Lawrence J. Hapner to the list of its citizenship in 1915, Dayton secured a capable and energetic representative of business affairs, who had previously had broad and varied experience. To this city, in addition to this experience and marked individuality, he brought a reputation for successful participation in affairs of commercial and industrial importance, and since his arrival at Dayton this reputation has been strengthened and substantiated. Mr. Hapner was born at Lewisburg, Preble county, Ohio, August 22, 1879, a son of James and Sarah A. (Lock) Hapner. His father was born at West Manchester, Ohio, and was married to Mrs. Hapner at Lewisburg, of which place she was a native, and where both passed away. James Hapner was a man of reliability, industry and integrity, and for a number of years was a shoe maker at Lewisburg, where he subsequently engaged in merchandising with some measure of success. Lawrence J. Hapner attended the public schools of Lewisburg and the Harrison Township high school, in Preble county, and his first business connection was with the D. E. Horn company, with which concern he remained for several years. He next formed a connection with H. P. Smith, a leaf tobacco merchant, and subsequently was with the Standard Oil company, at Eaton. Leaving that large corporation, he joined the working forces of the wholesale grocery establishment of Bell & Stevens company, at Eaton, and when he severed his connection with that house it was to join the Hiestand Lumber company, of the same city. Mr. Hapner then became manager of the hardware and grocery departments for the department store of Spring Brothers, and remained with that firm until he resigned to accept the appointment as auditor of the State Industrial Commission and the Liquor Licensing committee, and following this was employed in the office of the probate judge of Preble county. In May, 1917, Mr. Hapner changed his location to Dayton, where he entered the employ of the Standard Machine and Tool company. July 1, 1917, two months after he had entered the employ of this concern in the capacity of bookkeeper, he was made treasurer and office manager, positions which he still retains. The Standard Machine and Tool company was established in 1915 as a partnership between James Saunders and Ora L. Hall. The original plant was located at Canal and Third streets, for the manufacture of special machinery and tools and the carrying on of job work. The partner-

ship continued until May 16, 1917, when the business was incorporated for $25,000, with the following officials: James Saunders, president; Orris Blair, vice-president; Joseph Sheridan, jr., secretary; and George H. Gallagher, treasurer. July 1, 1918, at a new election of officers, James Saunders retained the presidency and also became manager: O. D. Meals became vice-president and superintendent; Joseph Sheridan, jr., was re-elected secretary; Lawrence J. Hapner was elected office manager and treasurer. The capital of the concern remained at $25,000. At the present time the plant, which has been enlarged and refitted, contains 8,000 square feet of floor space, and is well ventilated and equipped with the latest machinery. Thirty people are employed, and at present the company is specializing in millwright and engine work. During the war period the concern was engaged in 25 per cent war work. Mr. Hapner has been one of the energetic and capable factors in achieving success for this company and is accounted a business man of ability, judgment and shrewdness. He has been at Dayton for comparatively only a short time, but has already created a favorable impression not only among his associates but in business circles generally. As a citizen he has been identified with progressive movements. Mr. Hapner belongs to the First Christian church, and to the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Bolivar Lodge at Eaton, and Valley Consistory of the Scottish Rite, Dayton. He was married December 23, 1899, to Miss Nina A. Snell, daughter of James Elizabeth (Ward) Snell, of Lima, Ohio, and they have two children: J. Paul and Grace E., both residing with parents

William E. Harbottle. The demand for trained workers by big business men all over the country has increased steadily during recent years, and at present is far beyond the available supply. Merchants, manufacturers, financiers and public men, many of whom lacked opportunities in their own youth, have come to a realization of the value of men and women whose training has fitted them to capably handle the duties of positions of trust and responsibility. In an effort to meet the demand thus created, commercial colleges throughout the country are yearly turning out graduating classes, and with insignificant exceptions these young people are the ones who secure the favored posts, and who make more rapid progress in their employments than their untrained brothers and sisters. One of the leading institutions of this kind in the United States is found in the Miami Valley of Ohio, the Miami-Jacobs Business college, of Dayton. This, the largest business college of Southern and Western Ohio, and one of the foremost of the Middle West, is a consolidation of two commercial schools, with a list of graduates of more than 23,000. At the head of this institution is found William E. Harbottle, whose entire career has been connected with educational work and practically all of it of a business character. Mr. Harbottle was born near Toronto, Canada, July 7, 1878, a son of John C. Harbottle. After attending the graded and high schools, he took a course at the Hamilton Collegiate institute, and then entered upon his career as an educator, for two years teaching public school in Canada. At that time he became interested in business college work, as an instructor in the Canada Business college,

Hamilton, Canada, and eventually became a member of the faculty of that institution and continued as such for two years. In 1902 he came to Dayton and became a teacher under Mr. Jacobs, and two years later took charge of the school, the Jacobs Business college. This school had been founded in 1897 by H. L. Jacobs, who remained as its head until 1904. In the spring of 1916 this was consolidated with the Miami Commercial college, one of the oldest in the country, which had been established about a year before the opening of the civil war. In 1862 A. D. Wilt became principal of the Miami Commercial college and under his personal supervision it was successfully conducted until the amalgamation, in 1916, since which time he has lived in retirement at the home of his son, at Detroit, Mich. When the Miami-Jacobs Business college was formed Mr. Harbottle took charge as principal and has remained as such to the present time. The school occupies the entire third, fourth and fifth floors of the Steely building, Second and Ludlow streets, Dayton, with floor space of more than 18,000 square feet, while the rooms are large and have excellent ventilation and light. There are few institutions of an instructive character anywhere which have such complete equipment of modern office appliances, these including all the devices a young man or a young woman may be called upon to use in an office. The record of the school is good, for without efficiency it could not have grown to its present proportions, and the eight instructors have been carefully selected, have thorough knowledge of the subjects they teach and are of the type who help and encourage the young people placed in their charge. The instruction is largely individual in its nature, and the student is encouraged to progress as rapidly as his ability will permit, consistent with thoroughness. The text-books are the best to be had; the leading business colleges of the country are practically agreed on the best methods, and these are the methods used by the Miami-Jacobs Business college. The principal subject of the business course is bookkeeping, but it includes instruction in office procedure generally, and in addition to both single and double entry and all the transactions that go into the records of a firm or corporation, the student is given drilling in arithmetic, spelling and penmanship, and is taught typewriting, letter-writing, business forms and customs, banking practice and the principles of commercial law. Two systems of shorthand are taught, the Gregg and the Pitman, and the instructors are specialists. The "touch" method of typewriting is taught, and there is instruction in the use of "business English," while spelling and punctuation are given close attention, and the stenographer is trained to use modern office appliances of all descriptions. These are also included in the stenotype course, in which the student becomes familiar with the little machine that prints a shorthand code in ordinary type print. The three foregoing courses are included in what is known as the combined course. In addition there is the private secretary course, which includes the foregoing and also teaches the particular functions of a confidential secretary to men of large affairs. The students of this institution are given instruction in salesmanship and business efficiency, which includes lessons, lectures and practical

demonstrations. There are two terms of night school, starting in January and September, both of which continue for sixteen weeks. Mr. Harbottle is widely known in business circles, as his work has brought him into close touch with the leading men of Dayton and nearby communities, and many of the prominent citizens of this city are graduates of his school. He likewise occupies a place as a progressive and enterprising citizen, and in the capacity of secretary of the Dayton Rotary club has done much to further the city's interest in various ways. Mr. Harbottle was married June 24, 1909, to Miss Sue Garman, daughter of Charles J. Garman, of Dayton, and to this union there have been born four children: William E., jr., Susan J., Sarah C. and Charles P., two of whom are attending the public schools.

Charles L. Hardman. When an individual has been closely identified with the business interests of a city for thirty-seven years it would be an anomaly were he not known to a large number of the citizens of that place. In the seething, progressive life of a growing and enterprising city, the man who is connected with large business houses and financial institutions is bound to be more or less in the public eye. During the period of Mr. Hardman's business activity his record has stood inviolate. He has worked his own way up the ladder of success; step by step he has climbed, and today is one of the best known public accountants of Dayton, as a member of the firm of Wall, Hardman & Lane. Charles L. Hardman was born on a farm in Greene county, O., September 9, 1858, son of William R. Hardman, who for many years was engaged in agricultural pursuits near Osborn and later Yellow Springs, and who through his industry and good management eventually became one of the well-to-do men of his community. The youth received his education in the district schools of Greene county, and for two or three years spent three months of the winters of that period of time at Antioch college. He remained on the home farm until past twenty-two years of age, when, January 17, 1881, he came to Dayton, where he entered the Miami Commercial college, and before the completion of his course in that institution was offered a temporary position with the Miami Valley Insurance company as bookkeeper, which he accepted. He remained with that concern for eight months, following which he became an employee of the local branch of the St. Paul Fire Insurance company, and left that office to enter the Winters National bank, February 6, 1883. He became a bookkeeper with that institution, and remained as such until December, 1892, when he was made cashier of the Citizens National bank of Miamisburg. He continued in the latter city during 1893 and 1894, when he returned to Dayton January 17, 1895, as cashier of the Fourth National bank, a capacity in which he remained until August, 1903. At that time he severed his connection with the banking house and entered the service of J. B. Russell & Company, bankers of New York and Chicago. May 22, 1907, he joined the staff of Guy H. Kennedy, a certified public accountant of Cincinnati, with whom he specialized in bank auditing for six years, but March 22, 1913, severed this connection and on March 24, 1913 (the day before the flood) embarked in business on his own account, as a public ac-

countant. In August of the same year he joined his present firm, which had been founded as Wall & Lane, in 1908, by Hugh E. Wall and H. Sherman Lane, with offices in the Reibold building. When he joined the concern it adopted the style of Wall, Hardman & Lane, and this is now one of the best known combinations in its line in the city, handling all kinds of accounts, as well as auditing books and installing cost systems. Mr. Hardman is a member of the Masonic fraternity, in which he has numerous friends, and is a member of several civic bodies, always having given his support to movements which have promised the advancement of morality, education, religion and good citizenship. He belongs to the First Lutheran church, in the work of which he has taken an active part for many years, and at this time is the teacher of the Ladies' Bible Class. Mr. Hardman was married May 13, 1886, to Miss Carrie Mentel, daughter of Simon Mentel, of Dayton, and to this union there was born one son, Walter M., who is now deceased.

Omar Lee Harrison has been identified with the profession of electrical engineering in one or another capacity, and his advancement during this time has been consistent and continued. He is still connected with this calling, and his position as sales manager for the big Delco plant at Dayton makes him one of the leading men in his line in the Miami valley. Mr. Harrison is a son of the Hoosier state, born at Noblesville, July 15, 1883, a son of John W. Harrison. After attending the graded schools of Fisher's, and the Noblesville high school, he spent one year in Purdue university, where he took a course in electrical engineering. His first employment was with the Electric Storage Battery company of Philadelphia, as construction engineer, a capacity in which he was engaged in installing machinery in power houses all over the United States, traveling out of the Chicago office. Later he was transferred to the Cleveland sales office of the same concern, and during the next several years made territory throughout the states of Ohio and Kentucky. In July, 1912, Mr. Harrison came to Dayton, and connected himself with the Dayton Engineering Laboratories company, of which he has since acted as sales manager. Mr. Harrison is a man possessed of broad and thorough information in his line of activity, and is depended upon by his associates as an authority. He is a member of the Engineers' club, the Detroit Athletic club, the Dayton club and the Dayton Country club, and also has several civic connections, being at all times generous in his support of worthy movements which have for their purpose the advancement of education, religion, charity or the general public welfare. Mr. Harrison was married January 9, 1913, to Miss Margaret Meyer, a daughter of John and Nancy Jane (Scudder) Meyer, of St. Louis, Mo., and they are the parents of one daughter, Lola Jane.

John D. Hartman. From the time of his entrance into the business life of Dayton, John D. Hartman has been an active and energetic factor in the establishing and fostering of several concerns which have met with prosperity. The Dayton flood of recent years changed his plans somewhat and caused him to sever his connection with one enterprise which had been built up under his supervision, but at the same time it allowed him to concentrate his

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energies upon the securing of success for the St. Clair Manufacturing company, of which he is now secretary. Mr. Hartman was born in Allen county, Ohio, September 14, 1872, a son of Henry Hartman. His father, a farmer, spent his earlier years in Allen county, but in 1886 removed with his family to Montgomery county, where he passed the remainder of his life in the pursuits of agriculture. The early education of John D. Hartman was secured in the public schools of Allen county, and later he attended school in Montgomery county. He was reared as a farmer's son, and the greater part of the summer months during his boyhood were devoted to the tasks pertaining to the upkeep of the homestead and the growing and securing of the crops. However, he had no desire to be an agriculturist, and eventually came to Dayton, where he found employment with W. S. Phelps Sons, a wholesale grocery house, with which he remained about eight years. During this time he spent his spare time in planning the establishment of a business of his own and his ambitions were eventually realized when, with L. F. Franz as a partner, he founded the Hartman-Franz company, a concern to handle wholesale tinners' supplies. The business was founded in April, 1898, at No. 40 East Second street, where it continued for two years, when business expansion made it necessary to seek larger quarters, and the business was removed to No. 132 East Second street, where it remained for five years. At the end of that period, the present building, at Nos. 114 to 116 North St. Clair street, was erected. In 1913, at the time of the big Dayton flood, the plans of Messrs. Franz and Hartman were disarranged and altered, and they decided to abandon the Hartman-Franz company. In the meantime, May 7, 1907, they had started the St. Clair Manufacturing company, which had been incorporated for $60,000, with L. F. Franz, president, and J. D. Hartman, secretary, and this has continued to the present time, with constantly increasing success. The business of this company is the manufacture of the Daytonia Acetylene Generator, for all kinds of illuminating purposes, as well as the handling of fixtures to completely equip a lighting system. Mr. Hartman is one of the men of Dayton who have fought their own way to prosperity and business success. He has worked his way up the hard self-made road, without outside assistance, and has been able to meet his competitors at least half way in the struggle for business supremacy. While the enterprises noted above have received his chief attention, he has also had other business connections, and at this time is a director in the Dayton Blue Print and Supply company. He is interested in fraternal affairs, belonging to St. John's Blue Lodge, and is a thirty-second degree, Scottish Rite Mason, and also a Knight of Pythias, and he and his family are members of the West Side Church of Christ. June 16, 1897, Mr. Hartman was married to Miss Grace V. Rice, daughter of J. W. Rice, of Dayton, and they are the parents of two daughters, Clara L. and Ethel M., both of whom reside at home.

Abraham Hay. The banking business is the basis of the nation's finance and commercialism, and Abraham Hay, cashier of the First National Bank of Brookville, Ohio, is a gentleman whose integrity and honesty are duly recognized in the monetary circles of

Brookville and the county of Montgomery. Mr. Hay was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, December 19, 1880, the second in a family of three children, two sons and one daughter, born to Wilson A. and Susannah (Garber) Hay. Hr. Hay's brother, John Hay, survives, and is married and a resident of East Monroe, Ohio. Wilson A. Hay was born in Wabash county, Indiana, and by vocation was a lifelong agriculturist. Politically he was a Democrat, while religiously he belonged to the Dunkard society, in the faith of which he died in 1887, in Ohio, interment being made in the Ebersol cemetery, north of New Lebanon, Ohio. Abraham Hay received a good common school education, and graduated in the class of 1901 from the Perry Township High school, subsequently being a student at the well-known old Normal college, of which Professor Holbrook was president for many years. He entered the teacher's profession and successfully taught school for twelve years, and in September, 1912, entered the First National bank at Brookville as assistant cashier. In January, 1913, Mr. Hay was promoted to the position of cashier. The following are the officials of this strong institution at this time: H. E. Gardiner, president; Abraham Hay, cashier; W. H. Becher, vice president; and C. W. Buchlew, assistant cashier. Mr. Hay was wedded to Elizabeth Troutman, September 1, 1900, and one little daughter has been born to this union, Mary Margaret. Mrs. Hay is a native of Berks county, Pennsylvania, the old Keystone state, but was reared and educated in Montgomery county, Ohio. Politically, Mr. Hay is a strong advocate of Americanism, and he never lets party lines interfere with what he conceives to be his duty as a citizen. While a resident of the country district, he was officially township assessor and township clerk, and at present occupies the office of treasurer of Brookville. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hay are members of the Evangelical Lutheran church and have always cheerfully aided all worthy benevolences. They are constructive citizens of Brookville and are held in the highest of esteem and respect by all who know them.

Amza E. Hay, one of the prosperous merchants of Brookville, is a business man who through a number of years of participation in commercial affairs has won the full confidence of the people of his community. He has always maintained high principles in his transactions, and honesty, coupled with determination, have been contributing factors to his success. He is a native of Montgomery county, Ohio, born October 24, 1868, the third in a family of five sons born to Michael C. and Catherine (Bare) Hay, of whom three sons are living and residing in Montgomery county. Michael C. Hay was born in the same county, October 24, 1844, and died in 1912. Educated in the common schools, in his youth he became a mechanic and agriculturist, and owned a valuable and well-cultivated farm in his native county. He saw the birth of the Republican party in 1856 and was a staunch supporter of its principles throughout his life, although he never cared for public office. Mr. Hay was one of the firm advocates of a better school system and he and Mrs. Hay were faithful members of the Church of the Brethren, in the movements and enterprises of which they did their share. Mrs. Hay was born in 1845 in Preble county, Ohio, and was reared in her

native county, where she received her education. Her home and family were the principal interests in life to her, and when she passed away her family lost a loving and devoted mother and the community was deprived of the services of a woman whose sympathies were always touched by the suffering of the unfortunate and sick and who could always be counted upon to alleviate their troubles in any way which lay within her power. Her death occurred March 14, 1919, when she was laid to rest beside her husband in the Eversole cemetery, where an appropriate monument marks the last resting-place of this worthy and honored couple. Amza E. Hay is a lineal descendant of good old Pennsylvania Dutch stock and is largely self-educated although he received some schooling in Montgomery county. He began his career as an agriculturist on his father's farm, but at the age of twenty-three years became associated with his father-in-law, John E. Daffler, in the hardware and implement business at Brookville. This partnership continued for twelve years, after which Mr. Hay had two other associates in the business, H. R. Finfrock and J. E. Wentz, and today he stands as one of the leading hardware merchants of Brookville, and in his modern establishment carries a full line of shelf and heavy hardware, stoves, ranges and farming implements and is doing an excellent business. October 6, 1889, Mr. Hay married Susan D. Wrightman, and to this union there was born one son, John M., a graduate of the Brookville high school, and who is looking toward a career in naturopathy. John M. Hay married Opal Mote, and they have four children: Mabel Marie, in third grade of the public school; Dorothy, Margaret and John Edward. Mrs. Hay is a native of Montgomery county, where she attended the common schools, subsequently taking a high school course at Richmond, Ind., and a course in music. She is a daughter of John and Alice (Brenner) Mote, residents of Brookville, where Mr. Mote was formerly engaged in the mercantile business, the parents being members of the Church of the Brethren, to which Mr. and Mrs. Hay also belong, Mrs. Hay being a member of the Ladies' Aid society. Mr. and Mrs. Hay are highly respected people of their community, where their hospitable home is open to their many friends. They are people who extract from life much enjoyment, and find pleasure in frequent trips, their most favored vacation spot being usually found on the Pacific coast.

Charles D. Heald is a substantial and honorable practitioner at the Dayton bar and at present a member of the well-known law firm of Burkhart, Heald & Pickerel. During the ten years in which he has been engaged in practice, he has earned the reputation of being an indefatigable worker, combining scholarship with an active energy and forceful personality. Mr. Heald was born near Marietta, Ohio, January 5, 1884, and there received his early education in the public schools. He next pursued an academic course at Yale university, graduating in 1909 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and immediately entered upon his law studies, receiving his degree as Doctor of Laws with the class of 1910. In that year Mr. Heald established himself in practice at Dayton, where he continued alone until 1913, then forming an association with E. E. Burkhart. In

1915 the firm became Burkhart, Heald & Pickerel, and this is known today as one of Dayton's formidable law combinations. Mr. Heald is possessed of a keen, alert and vigorous mind, broad and comprehensive in its grasp, and with sure precision he goes straight to the heart of the propositions submitted to him. He is a close student, and an active member of the Montgomery county, Ohio State and American Bar associations, and is well-known in fraternal circles as a Knight Templar and Scottish Rite Mason, a Shriner and a member of the Knights of Pythias. He belongs also to the Dayton, Miami Valley Golf, Kiwanis and Yale clubs, the Y. M. C. A. and the Chamber of Commerce. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party, and he and the members of his family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Heald was married August 22, 1906, to Irene, daughter of Edward Hayner, of Lebanon, Ohio, and they have two children, Charles D., Jr., and Carol Irene.

Fred W. Hecht. During the ten or more years which have passed since Fred W. Hecht entered the field of banking at Dayton, this energetic and capable young official has exercised his abilities to such good effect that he has risen steadily in position and public confidence. In the capacity of cashier of the American National bank, an office which he has held since 1918, he has done much to assist his institution's growth and development. Mr. Hecht was born at Marion, Ohio, July 29, 1884, a son of Rev. Martin C. Hecht, and was six years of age when brought by his parents to Dayton, where his early educational training was secured in St. Paul's parochial school. He took an eclectic course at Capitol university, Columbus, and engaged in business until 1909, when he entered the Market Savings bank of Dayton as teller and bookkeeper, and in January, 1916, was advanced to assistant cashier of the Teutonia National bank, the name of which was changed in May, 1918, to the American National bank. Two years later he was made cashier of this institution, the duties of which position he has since discharged in an entirely competent manner. The Teutonia National bank was established March 24, 1889, with a capital of $200,000 and the following officials: Edward Pape, Sr., president; Edward Pape, Jr., vice president; Louis H. Poock, cashier, and Joseph Schumacher, assistant cashier. The bank was at that time situated at the northwest corner of Fifth and Jefferson streets, and continued to do business at that location until February 8, 1908, when it moved to its present home at No. 16 South Main street. In July, 1890, Mr. Schumacher succeeded Mr. Poock as cashier, and in 1891 Fred Reibold was made president of the institution, but January 20, 1902, Mr. Pape, Sr., resumed the presidency, and George Latin was made vice president. These gentlemen continued as the officials until January 18, 1904, when J. D. Whitmore became president. January 14, 1908, there was another election of officers, J. E. Sauer becoming chief executive in the capacity of president, and L. S. Reibold assumed the vice presidential duties. In July, 1918, O. M. Poock was made vice president; Fred W. Hecht became cashier, and R. E. Davis was made assistant cashier, and these officers, with J. E. Sauer in the presidency, now direct the operations and policies of one of the strongest banks of Dayton and the Miami valley. Mr.

Hecht is a banker of excellent abilities and expert financial knowledge as to theory, principle and practice, his training having included a complete course in the American Institute of Banking, of which he is a graduate. He belongs to the Dayton Association of Credit Men and the Chamber of Commerce, also takes great interest in the work of the local Y. M. C. A., of which he is a member, and belongs to the Exchange club. With his family he maintains the faith of the Lutheran church, and is a trustee of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church of Dayton. July 25, 1909, Mr. Hecht was united in matrimony with Bessie T., daughter of James Laughlin, of Dayton, and they are the parents of two children: Dorothy Ann and Robert Martin.

Edward C. Hegman. A long and purposeful connection with the business interests of Dayton has not only gained him material success and prominence, but has established him as a man of sterling business abilities which have been enlisted in the furtherance of the prosperity of several of Dayton's substantial enterprises. Mr. Hegman is a native of the city, and was born April 6, 1875, a son of Stephen and Magdelena (Momper) Hegman, natives, respectively, of Germany and France. As a lad he was sent to the parochial school of Emmanuel Catholic church, following which he attended St. Mary's college, and so proficient was he in his studies that he was valedictorian of the class of 1891, taking degrees in science, literature and mathematics. After leaving school he entered the employ of the National Cash Register company, starting as a messenger boy in the treasurer's department, and during the nineteen years that he was connected therewith rose steadily by consecutive promotions until he became assistant treasurer. He resigned this office on his acceptance of the position of secretary and treasurer of the Courier Car company, a branch of the Dayton Motor Car company, and subsequently became vice president of the Dayton Plating and Manufacturing company, in which incumbency he is now located. Since 1904 Mr. Hegman has also been secretary and treasurer of the firm of The Forster-Hegman Co., merchants. He is an energetic business man of the progressive type, whose manifold interests have never interfered with the discharge of the duties of good citizenship, and during the war period was assistant treasurer of the War Chest committee of Montgomery county. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and the Business Men's club, has several other civic connections, and is religiously affiliated with Holy Trinity Catholic church, of which Mrs. Hegman is also a member. October 17, 1899, Mr. Hegman was married to Miss Viola Unger, daughter of Ferdinand and Margaret (Schweickert) Unger, of Dayton, and they are the parents of one son, Alvin, who is attending St. Joseph's college, at Collegeville, Ind.

Frank J. Hegman is a typical Dayton man, born in this city January 5, 1869, securing his business training as an ambitious youth, and of more recent years one of the proprietors of the prominent furniture, carpet, draperies and wall paper house—The Forster-Hegman Co. His career has been one in which his energy has led him ever onward, and from obscurity he has risen to a place among the leaders in his special field of endeavor in the city of his birth.

Mr. Hegman is a son of Stephen and Magdelena (Momper) Hegman, the former a native of Germany and the latter of France. Frank J. Hegman was sent to the parochial school of the Emmanuel Catholic church at the age of six and continued for seven years. After leaving he applied himself to learning the trade of harness maker. Later he secured a position with the dry goods and carpet concern of Bauer & Forster, as a salesman, and occupied that position until March 1, 1895, when he embarked in business on his own account, as a partner of John B. Forster, in the firm of Forster & Hegman. The business was started at No. 122 E. Third street, for the purpose of retailing carpets, draperies and wall paper. March 1, 1899, the store was moved to the northwest corner of Main and Fifth streets, where the business was successfully conducted for fifteen years, and during this time, in 1904, furniture was added to the stock. March 1, 1914, a change in location was made, the business being moved to its present quarters, 35-37 N. Main street, where it occupies five floors, with 50,000 square feet of floor space. At the time of this removal the firm was reorganized and incorporated with the following officials: Frank J. Hegman, president; Edward C. Hegman, secretary; and John B. Forster, treasurer. The foregoing form the board of directors with Hugo V. Goetz, Fred R. Wenzel and A. L. Reist. Forty-two salespeople are given employment in this enterprise, and forty paperhangers. Mr. Hegman is a man who has the full confidence of his associates, the esteem of those with whom he comes into contact in a business way, and the friendship of his employees. As a self-made man, he appreciates the efforts of others who are endeavoring to rise, and lends a helping hand to worthy aspirants, as well as to worthwhile movements. He is a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic church and of the Knights of Columbus and lives with his sister in the old Hegman homestead at 431 N. Main street

Gaylord T. Heinz. Mr. Heinz is a representative son of Dayton, where he has passed his life and where he is now entering upon the period of his deserved success. He was born at Dayton, August 15, 1887, his father being Charles E. Heinz, for many years a well-known traveling salesman, who makes his headquarters at Dayton and has represented some of the large commercial houses of this city. The graded and high schools of Dayton furnished Mr. Heinz with his early training, and after his graduation from the Steele High school he began studying for his profession. Eventually he matriculated at the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, and in 1909 was graduated therefrom with his degree. Returning to Dayton, in December, 1909, he was admitted to the bar and at once embarked in practice, in which he has been successfully engaged ever since. He carries on a general practice in all the courts and has represented some important interests in cases which have attracted more than ordinary attention. He belongs to several organizations connected with his profession, among the members of which he is esteemed for his high principles and support of ethical standards. Mr. Heinz belongs to the Greater Dayton association, to the advancement of which he has given his moral and material support, and in other ways has shown himself as a desirable citizen. He

was married September 20, 1911, to Miss Ethel C. Millard, daughter of James Millard, of Dayton.

Edward M. Heisey, the efficient and popular cashier of the Citizens' Bank of Farmersville, has ever been ready to aid and instruct in this direction, and is a gentleman who holds in the fullest degree the confidence of all who have been patrons of the institution of which he is a representative. He was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, December 21, 1868, the eldest of three sons and two daughters born to David E. and Anna (Livengood) Heisey. Of these children, three are living: Edward M.; Herbert L., a blacksmith of Jackson township, Montgomery county; and Glenna, a resident of Farmersville. David E. Heisey was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, August 12, 1835, and died May 1, 1918. He received a common school education and grew up as a farmer, being thus engaged when he enlisted in Company K, 63d regiment, Ohio Volunteer infantry, with which organization he fought for three years during the Civil war. He was with General Sherman on his famous march to the sea, took part in the battle of Atlanta, and was wounded in one of his numerous engagements. With the victorious Northern Army he traveled through the Carolinas and to Washington, D. C., where he took part in the Grand Review, and was finally mustered out and received his honorable discharge as a first lieutenant. He was for many years a member of Carleton Post, G. A. R., at Germantown, Ohio. Mr. Heisey was a pioneer into Ohio over the National road, the party of which he was a member traveling in wagons and his family first settling in Butler township. In politics he was always a staunch Republican. Mrs. Heisey was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, in November, 1842, and still survives as a resident of Farmersville. She is a member of the United Brethren church. In addition to receiving a common school education, Edward M. Heisey was a student at a normal college at Findlay, Ohio, following which he took a business course in the Miami Business college, at Dayton. His first business experience was in merchandising, in which he was associated with his father until 1913. While in the store he was also postmaster at Farmersville from 1897 until 1913, and discharged his duties in an entirely efficient and conscientious manner, the citizens of the community benefiting greatly through his efforts in endeavoring to better the mail service. In the meantime, in 1903, Mr. Heisey had been elected assistant cashier of the Citizens' National bank of Farmersville, and in 1913 became cashier, a position of which he is still the incumbent. Mr. Heisey was married to Nora O. Smith, who was born September 21, 1870, in Trego, Md., and educated in the public schools. She is an active and helpful member of the United Brethren church. Mr. Heisey is a Republican and cast his first presidential vote for Benjamin Harrison. Fraternally he is affiliated with Cedar Hill Lodge, No. 686, I. O. O. F., of which he is recording secretary, and the encampment of the same order at Germantown. He and his estimable wife are held in the highest esteem by the people of Farmersville, where their friends are only limited by the number of their acquaintances.

S. Edwards Hendren, M. D. It has always been a disputed question, how far temperament goes in the determination of personal destiny; but it is an accepted fact that where education, training and experience run parallel with individual inclination, the combination is well-nigh irresistible in its impetus. During the two decades that Dr. S. Edwards Hendren has been engaged in practice at Dayton it has become generally admitted by his fellow-practitioners that his equipment includes all the necessary qualities for professional success, and that he likewise possesses in marked degree the professional temperament. Doctor Hendren was born at Newark, Ohio, September 18, 1876, and received his early education in the public schools of his native place. His medical studies were pursued in the medical department of the Ohio State university, from which institution he was graduated in 1900 with the degree of M. D., and at once established himself in general practice at Dayton. Here his success has grown consistently with the passing of the years, and he has at present a large and lucrative practice and enjoys the reputation of being one of Dayton's thoroughly reliable, learned and skilled practitioners. He is a valued member of the Montgomery County Medical society, the Ohio State Medical society, the American Medical association and the Dayton Academy of Medicine, and has numerous warm friendships among his fellow-members in these bodies, as he has also in social and business circles of the city. His fraternal affiliation is with the Mystic Lodge of the Masonic order. April 30, 1909, he married Edna, daughter of Mrs. Isabelle Hill, of Dayton, and they have one child, Betty Jane, aged two years.

Frank H. Herbst. One of the able representatives of the manufacturing interests of Dayton, now connected with the Seybold Machine company in the double capacity of secretary and treasurer, Frank H. Herbst also represents the second generation of native-born business men. He has climbed the difficult self-made road to success, having at the outset of his career possessed naught save his native ability and a strong and unbending determination to prosper in life; but, while his labors have been hard, he has found the rewards well worth while, and the fact that he has alone gained a place for himself among the substantial men of his city is a matter for added self-congratulation. Mr. Herbst was born at Dayton, O., May 4, 1874, a son of Charles and Louise (Hirsch) Herbst. His father, who was born in Germany, came to the United States as a lad of ten years, about in 1854, grew up at Dayton, where he was educated in the public schools, and as a youth displayed marked mechanical ability and mastered the trade of cabinet maker. He became a general mechanic and also followed his trade, and these occupations had his interest and labor throughout his life, he rounding out a long and honorable career in Dayton, without any desire for preferment in public life. Mrs. Herbst is also deceased. Frank Herbst received his education in the public schools and began working when still a lad in the grocery store of George F. Krug. His experience in this field not only convinced him that such work was not congenial to his nature, but that he also needed further training if he desired to make a success of his activities, and he accordingly

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resigned his position and enrolled as a student at Wilt's Commercial college, Dayton, where he completed a full business course. Thus further prepared, he sought work in a field more attractive to him, and found it in a position with the National Cash Register company. He was with that great concern for two years, from 1896 to 1898, in a clerical position, and in the latter year transferred his services to the Seybold Machine company, where he began work as a bookkeeper. Here his industry and abilities were appreciated, and as the years passed he was promoted in position and emoluments until in 1910 he was made treasurer of the concern. To the duties of that office were added, in 1916, those of the position of secretary, and since then he has continued to ably discharge matters pertaining to these offices, much of the success of this well-known concern being directly traceable to his intelligent and able work. Pre-eminently public-spirited, Mr. Herbst has never withheld his support from any object which he has believed will advance the moral, social or material welfare of the community. He has been an active worker in the Young Men's Christian Association, of which he has long been a member, and did much in assisting that organization in its great work during the war. He is likewise one of the active workers in the Greater Dayton association. As a fraternalist he is popular with his fellow members in the Knights of Pythias, as well as the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Victor E. Herter. None of the wholesale grain and feed houses of Dayton have enjoyed a more wholesome or consistent growth than that which has attended the enterprise known as V. E. Herter & Company, which is now recognized as being among the leaders in its line in the city. This business, founded twelve years, has been constantly under the supervision of Victor E. Herter and has profited by his ability and energy. Mr. Herter is an Ohioan by nativity, born at Trotwood, Montgomery county, September 6, 1881, a son of the late Fred Herter, who was for years a wholesale grain and feed merchant at Trotwood. Victor E. Herter received his education in the public schools of the town of his birth and embarked upon his business career as an associate of his father. In 1901 he bought out the elder man's interest and continued to conduct the business at Trotwood until 1907, at that time coming to Dayton and founding the business of V. E. Herter on Keowee street. He prospered exceedingly in a community which gave him a broader scope for his activities, and in 1913 was the principal factor, with H. E. Iams, in the founding of the business of V. E. Herter & company at No. 18 North Meigs street. The business of the concern consists of the handling of wholesale and retail grain, hay, and feed, and twelve people are employed in the plant, which includes 9,000 feet of floor space, while a traveling salesman is kept on the road, covering the entire state. This firm bears an excellent reputation in trade circles, and the confidence in which it is held by business men generally is enhanced by the personal standing which Mr. Herter occupies as a man of high integrity. He has various connections, business, civic and social, and is a member of Stillwater Lodge, a Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner. March 9, 1910, Mr. Herter was

united in marriage with Leila Bohn, of Dayton, Ohio, and they are the parents of two children: Victor E. jr., and Dorothie.

Archie Hewitt. For over thirty years Archie Hewitt has been a resident of Dayton, during all of which period he has been prominently identified with the city's commercial, industrial and material progress. A native of Ireland, born in County Fermanaugh, June 21, 1848, he attended the public schools in his native land and when twenty-two years of age emigrated to the United States and entered the dry goods store conducted by his uncles at Cincinnati. He developed, from the outset, a rare capability for mercantile affairs, and at the end of several years embarked in the millinery business on his own account, a venture which proved markedly successful and in which he continued for fifteen years. Mr. Hewitt then began to turn his eyes toward the rapidly developing Gem City, and that his judgment was well founded was demonstrated within the years that followed. His first venture here was with his brother in the manufacture of soaps, George A. and Archie Hewitt operating under the style of Hewitt Brothers Soap company, of which concern Archie Hewitt was president for several years. Later he became president of the Economy Soap Products company, and with this concern remained until the time of his retirement, several years ago. While president, Mr. Hewitt developed his industry into one of the prominent business houses of the city. To remarkable native shrewdness he joined a thorough familiarity with the business and intimate acquaintance with the eastern as well as the local markets, which enabled him to buy his raw products with discrimination and to display his finished goods in a manner well calculated to attract trade. Mr. Hewitt is a valued member of the Chamber of Commerce, and also holds membership in the Dayton club and the Dayton Bicycle club. With his family, he belongs to Christ Episcopal church. He was married in January, 1883, to Ada May, daughter of James Clark, of Hillsboro, Ohio, and to this union there was born one son, James M. James M. Hewitt was educated in the public schools of Hillsboro, Ohio, and Jacobs' Business college, Dayton. He then entered Hewitt Brothers' Soap company, and after two or three years in the factory, where he thoroughly learned the business, was sent out on the road, and filled the position of traveling representative for ten years. Returning to the offices, he was eventually made sales manager, and since the retirement of his father has been president of the concern. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Bicycle club and Christ Episcopal church. August 18, 1915, Mr. Hewitt married Louise, daughter of F. P. Cody, of Troy, Ohio.

Benjamin F. Hewitt. A worthy representative of this honored Dayton business family is found in the person of Benjamin F. Hewitt, secretary and assistant treasurer of the Hewitt Brothers Soap company. Mr. Hewitt was born at Dayton, April 22, 1884, a son of George A. Hewitt. The latter was a native of Ireland, born in August, 1849, and came to the United States as a lad of fifteen years, first securing employment under an uncle, who resided at Cincinnati. Later he came to Dayton, where, in 1884, he formed a partnership with his brother, Archie Hewitt, and began the manu-

facture of soap, on St. Clair street. The business outgrew its quarters there, and was accordingly moved to Sixth and Canal streets, and in 1900 occupied its present quarters at Linden avenue and the Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis railroad tracks. At the time of this removal the business was incorporated for $50,000, with E. H. Bunstine, president: Archie Hewitt, vice-president: and George A. Hewitt, secretary and treasurer. In 1912 the business was reincorporated, for $75,000, with Archie Hewitt, president; Harry Lehman, vice-president; Benjamin F. Hewitt, secretary; and George A. Hewitt, treasurer; and in 1919, the capital was raised to $100,000, and the following officers chosen: J. M. Hewitt, president; E. C. Hagerman, treasurer; and Benjamin F. Hewitt, secretary and assistant treasurer. This concern is engaged in the manufacture of laundry and toilet soaps, and twenty people are employed in the plant. In 1918 George A. Hewitt retired from active affairs, giving up the treasurership of the Hewitt Brothers Soap company and of the Economy Soap Products company. He is a member of the Independent Order of Foresters and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and still has large holdings of a business nature, taking an active interest in the busy life in which he shared so long and so honorably. He is the father of three children: Dr. Archie E., a practicing physician of Dayton; Benjamin Francis; and Anna, the wife of Joseph F. Leopold, of Joplin, Mo. Benjamin F. Hewitt was educated in the public schools of Dayton, and his entire career has been passed with the Hewitt Brothers Soap company, where he has been given ample opportunity for the display of his splendid business talents. He is the owner of the reduction plant at Connersville, Ind., and a stockholder in the Economy Soap company. As a fraternalist he affiliated with the Elks. He was married January 24, 1907, to Maude E. Dunavent, of Connersville, Ind., and they are the parents of two children: Dorothy Marie and Irene Elizabeth, who are attending school.

Albert F. Hickey. Among the native sons of Dayton of the younger business generation, one who has already attained a position of marked preferment in manufacturing circles is Albert F. Hickey, vice-president of the Rieck Sheet Metal company. Mr. Hickey's entire career has been passed with this concern, and his advancement to his present position has been gained through a display of marked ability, steadfast fidelity and commendable industry. Mr. Hickey was born at Dayton, September 24, 1888, a son of John and Amelia (Seybold) Hickey, natives of Ohio. John Hickey became a resident of Dayton in yong manhood, and in this city followed the moulding business for many years, until his recent retirement from active life. To the public schools of Dayton, which he attended up to the completion of his high school course, Albert F. Hickey is indebted for his educational training. His first business experience was gained in the plant of the Rieck Sheet Metal company, one of the old and reliable concerns of Dayton, which was founded in 1892 by Herman F. Rieck, and a full history of which will be found on another page of this work. He advanced through the various departments of the business, and when the company was organized under its present style, in 1913, was elected

vice-president, a position which he has since retained, and in which he has been able to contribute services that have been a factor in advancing the interests of the enterprise. Bernard R. Rieck is president and Edward A. Rieck, secretary and treasurer, these brothers being sons of the founder, who is now living in retirement. Mr. Hickey is a young man of important business connections and has a share in various phases of the city's busy life. He is popular in social and fraternal circles and is just entering upon a career which holds out much promise for his future success. Married June 15, 1913 to Elizabeth, daughter of August Rueve, of Dayton, he is the father of two children: Albert F. jr., and Kathryn.

Rev. Charles A. Hickey. The priesthood of the Catholic church numbers among its members countless men of broad and extensive education, great religious enthusiasm and profound piety, and enlightened views and outlook on life, men whose example, precept and teaching exercise an influence for morality that unquestioningly must be adjudged one of the great factors in aiding in the advancement of any community. Not alone must a Catholic priest be a spiritual guide to his people, but he must also be possessed of a large measure of practical knowledge and information which will enable him to advise, assist and teach in the ordinary events of existence, and to protect the interests of his parish while also promoting its temporal affairs. Much, in fact, is demanded of those who choose the unselfish life of the Catholic priest. Of the Catholic clergy of Dayton who have become beloved by their people for the qualities noted above, one who stands high in public estimation not alone among those of his own faith, but of other denominations, is Rev. Charles A. Hickey, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic church. Father Hickey was born at Cincinnati, O., September 2, 1863, a son of Patrick and Johanna (Stanton) Hickey. He secured his early educational training in the parochial schools of Glendale and Cincinnati, following which he took a course at St. Xavier's college, and was graduated with the class of 1883. This was followed by attendance at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Md., and he was ordained December 18, 1886. His first charge was as assistant pastor of St. Mary's church, at Urbana, O., following which he was made assistant at the Church of the Assumption, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati. In April, 1888, he became pastor of St. Francis de Sales, at Lebanon, O., and in August, 1891, came to Dayton, as pastor of Sacred Heart church, a charge which he has since retained, there now being some 400 families in the parish. Since July, 1915, his assistant has been Rev. Clarence Graf. Sacred Heart parish of Dayton was established in July, 1883, the territory in the new parish being designated as bounded by the west side of Main street, the south side of Fifth street and the west side of Wayne avenue. Rev. H. J. McDevitt, D. D., was appointed by Archbishop Elder as the first pastor and the first services were held Sunday, July 22, 1883, at Gebhart's hall, on the south side of Fifth street, between Main and Jefferson streets. In September, 1887, Father McDevitt retired and was succeeded by Rev. Roderick A. Finnerty, under whose pastorate the cornerstone for the new church was laid June 17, 1888, although it was not completed for seven years and it was not until November 10, 1895, that

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it was dedicated. In this church, or the tower thereof, there is found the largest church bell in the city, its weight, exclusive of hangings, being 4,500 pounds. May 1, 1901, Father Finnerty was succeeded by Rev. William D. Hickey, who remained only three months, being succeeded by his brother, the present pastor, Rev. Charles A. Hickey, in August 1901. The former was transferred at that time to the irremovable rectorship of St. Joseph's church, Dayton. Only those lives are worthy of record that have been potential factors in the public progress, in promoting the general welfare or in advancing the educational or moral tone of a community. As a Catholic priest Father Hickey may be said to have done all of these things, in addition to which he has labored untiringly for the betterment of his fellow-men.

R. Sherman Himes. To some men there are given talents which they have the ability to utilize for the benefit, not only of themselves, but of humanity at large. With a broad field in which to labor, such individuals can control their efforts in more directions and therefore reach a diversified group of men. Coming into close touch with such their own sympathies are broadened, their scope of usefulness widened and their own characters strengthened. While he is still one of the younger members of his honored calling at Dayton, R. Sherman Himes has already established himself substantially in the confidence of a large practice, among whom he has been given the opportunity of improving his own standing in the community, and through his undoubted talents of assisting in the betterment and advancement of mankind. Mr. Himes was born on a farm in Montgomery county, O., September 16, 1887, a son of Albert Himes, long an agriculturist in that region of the Miami valley. He was reared to the work of the home farm, but had the benefits accruing from attendance at the graded and high schools of Dayton, where he became imbued with an ambition for a career other than one spent in the midst of rural surroundings. His interest was early enlisted in the subject of optometry, an art which he first studied under the preceptorship of Dr. J. H. McCassy. His preparatory education being completed in 1911, he returned to Dayton, where he has since been engaged in practice, with offices in the Reibold building. He is known as one of the capable, talented and thoroughly informed members of his calling, and the display of his ability has resulted in the gaining of a constantly growing clientele and a steadily advancing reputation. He is a Mason of high standing, having reached the thirty-second degree, and is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, in addition to which he belongs to the Community club and has other connections, both social and civic. His religious connection is with the First United Brethren church. Doctor Himes was married to Miss Anne Elizabeth Link, of Dayton, a daughter of Charles H. Link, a well-known resident of this city.

Gustav A. Hochwalt, M. D. Incomplete indeed would be a history of the Miami valley without distinctive mention of that large body of men who labor in the broad field of medical service. Some have chosen a particular path and some work under particular combinations of method, but all can be justly credited with scientific

knowledge and a due regard for the preservation of the public health together with a faithful devotion to their own patients that is highly commendable. To the profession of medicine, Dr. Gustav A. Hochwalt, of Dayton, early devoted his energies, and after more than twenty years of practice stands as a representative of the best and highest in this line of human endeavor, and as an acknowledged leader in the science of internal medicine. Doctor Hochwalt was born at Dayton, May 13, 1872, a son of George and Theresa (Lothamer) Hochwalt. His father, a native of Germany, came to the United States as a boy, and during the rest of his life followed the shoe business, while the mother still survives and is a resident ot Dayton. Gustav A. Hochwalt attended the parochial school of Emmanuel Catholic church and in 1889 was graduated from St. Mary's college. For a short time he was employed at the works ot the Columbus Bridge company, then entering the office of Dr. George Goodhue, where he prosecuted his preparatory medical studies. Subsequently he entered Starling Medical college at Columbus, now the Ohio State University, and was graduated therefrom in 1895 with the degree of M. D. For two years he followed a private practice, then spent some time in the New York Post-Graduate Medical college, and finally returned to private practice, having built up a large professional business in internal medicine. After so long and faithful a performance of professional duties, during which he has ever upheld the highest standard of professional ethics, Doctor Hochwalt may feel somewhat gratified to know that he is held in high esteem by other members of the fraternity and that they number him with the able physicians in a city in which medical ability has reached a high plane. Doctor Hochwalt is a member of the county, state and national medical bodies. Since 1913 he has been head of the staff of St. Elizabeth's hospital, and was pathologist at the Miami Valley hospital for ten years and equipped its first laboratory. He also has the distinction of having been first city bacteriologist. With his family, he belongs to Emmanuel Catholic church. October 17, 1900, Doctor Hochwalt married Erma, daughter of William H. and Mary (Wenger) Gondert, of Dayton, and they have two children: William Richard and Aida Mary.

J. Clarence Hochwalt. In noting the names of the young and energetic element of Dayton's business representatives, one which should be prominently placed upon the list is that of J. Clarence Hochwalt, who has been variously engaged in positions of growing importance and who has had creditable connection with several enterprises. His career has been one of constant advancement since his entrance upon the arena of commercial life, and if the past may be taken as a criterion, a most promising future lies before him. Mr. Hochwalt is another of Dayton's sons who is distinguishing himself in its active life. He was born in this city September 4, 1888, and is in the third generation of a family to reside here, his parents, Joseph H. and Clara E., both being natives of the Gem city and both residing here at this time. The Hochwalt family was founded here at an early day by the great grandfather of J. Clarence Hochwalt, who, born in Germany, left that country because of polit-

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ical differences immediately following the Franco-Prussian war, and came to the United States where he found refuge. He took up his residence at Dayton and is still remembered by a number of the older citizens as a cobbler with a shop on Washington street, where he turned out trustworthy work and was known as a quiet, sober and industrious man. He has been dead now for some years. J. Clarence Hochwalt was educated at Emmanuel school and at Saint Mary's college, from the latter of which he graduated in the class of 1906. He at once secured employment in the office of the city engineer of Dayton and remained there until sent on a special mission to Florida and remained in the South for two years, from 1908 until 1910. He then returned to Dayton, where during the next one and one-half years he discharged the duties of assistant secretary of the quadrennial board of assessors, and during 1911 became identified with the business of Adam Schantz, first as a bookkeeper and subsequently as private secretary to Mr. Schantz. Mr. Hochwalt eventually entered the field of real estate, in the capacity of secretary of the Moraine Development company, and still acts as such, with offices at No. 501 Ludlow building. He has shown himself as being capable and determined, able to hold his own against keen and experienced competition, and possessed of no small powers of executive capacity, while his knowledge of his business has been gained primarily as a student of its principles and later by experience, ripened by good judgment and foresight and developed through hard, industrious work. He has co-operated with others in an endeavor to develop the highest ideals of the business, and the concern with which he is connected has a well established reputation for honorable dealing and legitimate handling of large propositions. He has been an energetic worker in behalf of the Greater Dayton association movement and in other ways has exhibited a creditable willingness to fulfill his responsibilities and evidence his good citizenship. Mr. Hochwalt, with his family, belongs to Corpus Christi Catholic church. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, in which he has attained to the fourth degree, and the Elks. He was married September 19, 1911, to Miss Florence Edith Edelman, daughter of Christian and Fredericka (Bless) Edelman, of Dayton, and to this union there have been born two children: Emerson Clarence and Jerome Paul.

Charles W. Hoffritz, president of The American Finance & Investment company, a company capitalized at $500,000, with offices in the Mutual Home building, organized to purchase automobile paper. Mr. Hoffritz has been very successful in this venture, having gained the knowledge by being one of the leading automobile men of Dayton. He is also president of The C. W. Hoffritz Sales company, of the Republic Motor Sales company, and The Gem City Taxi & Transfer company. He is one of the leading men in Automobile circles at Dayton, and one who has done much to make popular the use of pleasure cars. He was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, April 4, 1883, but was brought to Dayton by his parents when only eight years old, and grew up in this city, where he attended the public schools. Upon leaving school he went east with Fairbanks, Morse & Co., and remained with that company for two years, leaving to en-

gage with the S. F. Bowser company of Fort Wayne, Ind. After seven years with the lattern concern, April 1, 1912, Mr. Hoffritz incorporated the C. W. Hoffritz Sales company, with C. W. Hoffritz as president, and M. A. Thomas as secretary and treasurer, to handle the Paige and Maxwell pleasure cars and accessories, at No. 117 E. Second street, Dayton. Mr. Hoffritz is also president of the Republic Motor Sales company, which is incorporated, and is president of the Gem City Taxi & Transfer company, incorporated, all reliable and flourishing organizations. Mr. Hoffritz was united in marriage with Miss Marie Kenny, a daughter of Sprigg Kenny of Dayton. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffritz have one son, Charles W., jr. Mr. Hoffritz is a thirty-second degree Mason and a Shriner, and he also belongs to the Elks. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Dayton club, and active in supporting measures looking toward the further development and progress of the city.

George F. Holland. It is a curious and interesting study to note how opportunity waits on fitness and capacity, so that all at last fill the places for which they are best qualified. All, it would seem, fall into the niches in the elaborate edifice of life that they are best prepared to fill. However marvelously "natural selection" may work in the production of species, there is a wondrous selection in the sifting out of the fittest from the mass of common material that crowds all the avenues of the law. Such thoughts spontaneously occur as is contemplated in the career of George F. Holland of Dayton. He has risen from the workshop of a mechanic. George F. Holland was born in Greene county, O., July 1, 1882, and is a son of Theodore and Charity M. (Stanley) Holland, the former of whom is still living at Spring Valley, O.; the latter being deceased. His early education was limited to attendance at the public schools of Spring Valley, his boyhood home, and until he was nineteen years of age remained under the parental roof. At that time, becoming ambitious, and being impatient of the confining limitations of the small community in which he resided, he left home and came to the city of Dayton, where he applied himself to the business of learning the tool-making trade and designing. This vocation he first followed at the plant of the Davis Sewing Machine company, where he had commenced his apprenticeship in 1901, but subsequently transferred his services to the National Cash Register company, where he continued to remain for some time. At the latter place he became proficient in his knowledge of the designing of that company's intricate product, and his information, as well as his energy and fidelity to the company's interests, led to his promotion to the sales department. It was while he was employed in this capacity that he decided fully upon a career in the law, for which he had always possessed an inclination. Accordingly, he took up the study of the profession at nights with the assistance of Hon. John A. McMahon, of Dayton, and was duly admitted to the bar after examination, in December, 1911. It was not until February 2, 1914, however, that he entered fully into practice, at that time being associated with O. F. Davisson. When this association was dissolved, in June, 1915, Mr. Holland became associated with John Egan, they remaining together until January, 1917, since which time Mr. Hol-

land has continued in practice alone. He has been admitted to practice in the federal courts and his law business is general in its character. Mr. Holland is a member of the Montgomery County and Federal Bar associations and enjoys a high standing in the estimation of his fellow-members of the bar. His offices are maintained on the fifth floor of the Callahan Bank building. Politically a Republican, he has little interest in politics, but is a citizen always ready to give his utmost aid to his city and its welfare. Fraternally, he is identified with the I. O. O. F., K. P. and Masons, while his religious connection is with the Memorial Presbyterian church. Mr. Holland was united in marriage January 6, 1905, with Amelia, daughter of John and Mathilda Volz, of Dayton, and to this union there has been born one son, Harold LaVerne, who is attending school.

Frank A. Hollencamp. The great majority of men of Dayton who have become prominent among its leading business citizens are those who have bent every energy toward the consummation of carefully laid plans along certain definite lines. They have not been content with a modicum of prosperity, but have ever sought to broaden their avenues of endeavor and usefulness and to build up and develop their city in a commercial way. Often it is found that members of the same family have gathered together in one organization, and this invariably proves a strong factor in the building up of a business and the strengthening of the city's commercial prominence, as in the case of the H. Hollencamp Sons company, a concern of more than forty-six years' standing, of which Frank A. Hollencamp, one of the progressive and capable business men of Dayton, is vice president. Mr. Hollencamp was born in this city, August 7, 1879, a son of Henry and Catherine (Gruelich) Hollencamp. Henry Hollencamp was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, October 31, 1850, his parents being Herman H. and Mary Theresa (Willmeier) Hollencamp, natives of Germany, who are now both deceased. Herman H. Hollencamp, who was a moulder, emigrated to the United States in 1840 and first settled at Cincinnati, but in 1851 came to Dayton, where he followed his trade for some years with J. P. Callahan and Judge Dwyer. Henry Hollencamp was educated in the parochial schools of Dayton, to which city he had been brought as a child of one year, and subsequently at Emmanuel Catholic church, on Franklin street. His parents, while industrious and honorable people, were not in financial circumstances that would allow him to secure higher education, and as a lad he started to work in the foundries of the city, notably at that of McGregor & Callahan. This vocation, however, did not appeal to him, and he accordingly applied himself to learning the tailor's trade, which he mastered under the tuition of Col. Henry Miller. In 1873 Mr. Hollencamp decided that he had sufficient experience to embark in business on his own account, and accordingly opened a modest establishment on Jefferson street, two doors north of his present modern house. His start was as a merchant tailor, but later he added a retail clothing department, and December 3, 1888, secured larger quarters when he moved to his present location, at No. 13 South Jefferson street. In 1903 the business was incorporated as the

H. Hollencamp Sons company, for $60,000, with the following officials: Henry Hollencamp, president; Frank A. Hollencamp, vice president; Henry Hollencamp, Jr., secretary; and Charles Hollencamp, treasurer. The extent to which the business has grown may be seen in the fact that fifty people are now given employment, and the concern now handles a complete line of clothing and uniforms of all kinds, special attention to soldiers' uniforms and equipment having been given during the war period. Mr. Hollencamp is widely known as a man of worth and his judgment is sought and his decisions respected. While never sacrificing anything to the spirit of speculation, he is broad enough to recognize the progress of the times and to take advantage of opportunities when such advance offers. A man of high principles he stands up for what is best not only in his business life but also in the social circles in which he moves and his standing is unqualifiedly high. Mr. Hollencamp is a director of the Dayton Savings and Trust company and a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and he and his family belong to Sacred Heart Catholic church. He was married May 16, 1876, to Catherine, daughter of Balthaser Gruelich, of Dayton, and they have four children: Charles H., of Dayton; Frank A., of this review; Mary T., the wife of S. C. Williamson, of Dayton, with three children—Joseph, Catherine and Henrietta; and Herman Henry, of Dayton, who has two children—Mary Ann and Henry III. Frank A. Hollencamp received his education in the parochial schools and St. Mary's college, after which he entered his father's business and was thoroughly trained in every detail of its management. In 1903 he was made vice president of the company, a position which he has since retained. He is a shrewd, capable and energetic business man, who maintains a high reputation for honorable business principles and a correct line of conduct when dealing with his fellowmen. Mr. Hollencamp belongs to Sacred Heart Catholic church, and has attained the fourth degree in the fraternal order of Knights of Columbus. October 27, 1903, he married Adele, daughter of Gust and Mary E. (Legler) Witchger, of Dayton, and they are the parents of two bright and interesting children—Francis and Eugene, who are attending St. Mary's College.

Henry H. Hollencamp. This is an age in which young men are accomplishing much that is being done worth while in business, in the professions and in public and military life. However, as early as some of these men have attained prominence and position, there are few who have made such rapid strides as has Henry H. Hollencamp, who, admitted to the bar in June, 1914, was appointed United States district clerk for Dayton, April 5, 1915. Mr. Hollencamp has been a resident of Dayton all of his life with the exception of a few years spent at college and is essentially a product of a city whose virility and progressive spirit are typified in its rapidly advancing young manhood. He was born at Dayton, August 1, 1889, a son of Henry Hollencamp, who was born at Cincinnati. The father spent the early years of his life at Cincinnati, but subsequently removed to Dayton, where for many years he has been widely and favorably known in business circles. Henry H. Hollencamp received a good educational training for his profession, first attending the public

schools, including the Steele High school, where he was graduated with the class of 1908; later completing a course at Saint Mary's college, and finally going to the Ohio State university, where he graduated in June, 1914, with the degree of LL.B. He was admitted to the bar immediately after graduation and entered upon the practice of his profession at that time, in the offices of Munger & Kennedy, at Dayton. The manner in which he handled several cases of importance turned over to his care soon demonstrated his entire ability and knowledge of his adopted profession, and this served to bring him prominently into favor, so that his appointment as United States district clerk, April 5, 1915, was deserved and caused no great surprise among those who had watched the young lawyer's progress. Mr. Hollencamp has capably discharged the duties of his office and has earned the respect and esteem of the profession and the public. He is a member of the Montgomery County Bar association and of the Federal District Bar association. His only fraternal connection is with the K. C. July 12, 1916, he was united in marriage with Anna C. Nugent, daughter of John Nugent of Franklin, O., and they have two children, Mary Emma and Henry.

Reuben R. Holmes. As one of the members of the younger generation of lawyers practicing at the bar of Dayton, Reuben R. Holmes knows the law both intuitively and by study. While he has been successful as a general practitioner, having been connected with numerous cases of litigation of importance and prominence, of recent years his time has been increasingly devoted to the duties of his position as attorney for the Legal Aid Division of the Department of Public Welfare, an office in which his brilliant attainments have been utilized to splendid advantage in the city's service. Mr. Holmes is another of Dayton's successful attorneys who claim this city as the place of their birth. He was born here November 6, 1888, a son of Samuel A. Holmes, whose death occurred February 22, 1917, his mother being Virginia S. (Rose) Holmes, who survives and is a resident of Dayton. After attending the graded schools, Mr. Holmes entered the Steele High school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1907, following which he immediately entered upon the study of law, which, from boyhood, he had chosen as the medium through which he should win his way to success in life. In November, 1907, he entered the law office of Kennedy, Munger & Kennedy, where he acted in a clerical capacity and assistant, and where he had access to a large and comprehensive law library as well as the benefit of daily association with able members of the profession. With these advantages he made steady and consistent progress in his studies, and December 22, 1910, was admitted to the bar. He began practice in the office of his former employers and preceptors, Munger & Kennedy, and continued there until March 1, 1914, at which time he was appointed as attorney for the Division of Legal Aid for the Department of Public Welfare of Dayton. In this position he has frequently been called upon to act in an advisory or active way in cases of the utmost importance where the city's interests have been at stake, and his masterly handling of such matters as have come within his province has given him more than ordinary standing in the ranks of his profession. In

November, 1918, he was given six months' leave of absence from city service to enter Red Cross war service; was stationed at Cleveland, O., in lake division headquarters of American Red Cross as legal assistant division director of civilian relief in charge of legal work for soldiers and sailors and their dependents for lake division, consisting of Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky; was member of legal committee of Ohio State Council of National Defense. Breaking down from intense war service, he voluntarily resigned from Red Cross and city of Dayton service May 1, 1919, and shortly afterward resumed private practice with offices at 821-822 Dayton Savings and Trust building. Mr. Holmes belongs to the leading organizations of his profession, including the Montgomery County Bar association, the Federal District Bar association, the Lawyers' Club of Dayton, the Ohio State Bar association and the American Bar association. He is also well known in Masonry, belonging to Dayton Lodge, No. 147, F. & A. M.; Unity Chapter, No. 16, R. A. M.; Reese Council, No. 9, R. & S. M.; and Ormus Grotto. As a citizen Mr. Holmes has conscientiously interested himself in the plans and actions of men who have sought to advance the city's interests and those of the people at large. His official duties have served to bring him into close touch with the public-spirited element of the city's citizenship and to the work of this class he has unhesitatingly given his support and co-operation.

Raymond O. Holton. In the throng of individuals that daily surges through the streets of Dayton may be found representatives of almost every section of the country, and as they gaze with natural wonder and admiration on the huge business structures, the public buildings and the modern residences, many, no doubt, ask the question of how all this remarkable development could have been brought about in so short a time. It is because here have arisen men who have had the ability and courage to embark upon large undertakings and the strength to carry them through. Among these big business concerns engaged in contracting at Dayton is the H. R. Blagg company, the vice president and superintendent of which, Raymond O. Holton, is one of his city's energetic and forceful young business men. Mr. Holton was born at Rainsboro, Highland county, Ohio, March 25, 1891. He received his educational training in the public schools of Cleveland, Hillsboro and Dayton, Ohio, and when he embarked upon his career it was in association with his father, George H. Holton, a contractor. In 1913 Mr. Holton attached himself to the firm of John Rouzer company, of Dayton, as a draftsman and estimator, and there secured valuable experience during the next five years. August 1, 1918, he entered the H. R. Blagg company as vice president and superintendent, positions which he still retains, and in which he has been active in the growth and development of the company. Mr. Holton belongs to the Blue Lodge and Chapter of Masonry and the Modern Woodmen of America. He likewise holds membership in the Young Men's Christian association, and his religious connection is with Olivet United Brethren church. December 21, 1910, Mr. Holton was united in marriage with Belle, daughter of Isaac Smith, of Dayton, and they have one child, Richard Leroy.

Charles W. Holtzmuller, M. D. A conscientious and painstaking exponent of medical and surgical science is found in Dr. Charles W. Holtzmuller, who, since his arrival at Farmersville in 1899, has gained a professional foothold exceeding the most sanguine expectations of his early years. In invading the realms of an inexhaustible science, Doctor Holtzmuller brought to his profession careful and thorough training, a real love for his chosen calling, and enthusiasm of the highest type. During the twenty years of his practice he has not only risen to a high place in the ranks of his profession, but has also established himself permanently and substantially as a man of the highest business integrity and finest character, and a citizen whose activities in all lines have served to promote and strengthen the public welfare. Doctor Holtzmuller was born on a farm in Preble county, Ohio, May 11, 1874, the only child of Isaac A. and Sarah C. (Gauch) Holtzmuller. The family was founded in the United States by the grandfather of the Doctor, who settled in Montgomery county, and it was there that Isaac A. Holtzmuller was born and educated and where he has passed his life as an agriculturist, being at present the owner of a valuable farm of fifty-three acres. He is a Republican in politics and he and his wife are members of the Evangelical church at West Manchester. After attending the public schools, including two years at the West Manchester High school and two years at a normal college at Marion, Ind., Dr. Charles W. Holtzmuller began teaching school, and for three years was thus engaged in the country districts of Preble county. During this time he had applied himself to reading medicine, and eventually placed himself under the instruction of Dr. Cloyd, a physician of West Manchester, under whose preceptorship he remained one year. Entering the Eclectic college of Cincinnati in 1896, he was graduated therefrom with the class of 1899, and his degree of Doctor of Medicine, and immediately entered practice at Farmersville, where he has since built up a large and lucrative practice among the best families. Eternal vigilance and incessant research have been watchwords of his career, and the letting of light upon the problems which have puzzled the profession seem to him one of the largest compensations connected with the art of healing. He is an honored and valued member of the Eclectic Medical Association of the State of Ohio and the National Eclectic Medical association, and his standing has always been high in the ranks of his calling. To his splendid professional equipment he adds a delightful manner and many ingratiating qualities, and his friends, once won, are retained indefinitely. When he began his practice at Farmersville he had not much capital, and he had to pass through the probationary period experienced by so many young physicians, but his recognized abilities soon brought him a practice of the most desirable kind, and his business abilities also served to add to his income. He is now sole owner of the Farmersville Grain elevator, with its holding capacity of 8,000 bushels, and has a large trade from all over Jackson township and the surrounding country. He has made this a most modern enterprise, using a gasoline engine and electric motors in its operation, and handles from 75,000 to 100,000 bushels of wheat annually. Likewise he handles feed and flour, the former being

ground on the premises by highly improved machinery. The beautiful home of Dr. Holtzmuller was erected in 1902, in addition to which he has a splendid property west of his home and twenty acres of land at the corporation limits of the town of West Manchester, while Mrs. Holtzmuller is the owner of eighty acres in the same locality, and all of this land is entirely free from encumbrance. Dr. Holtzmuller was married July 18, 1895, to Cora E. Creager, and they are the parents of two sons. Paul M. Holtzmuller, the elder of these boys, is a graduate of the Farmersville High school and of McGuffey's High school, Oxford, Ohio, class of 1914. Next he spent three years at Miami university, and had started upon his medical studies when he went with the first five per cent of the Montgomery county boys to Camp Sherman, September 5, 1917, as a member of the 322nd regiment, Light Field artillery. He entered the officers' training camp at Camp Sherman, and when he had successfully passed the course was transferred to Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., where he received his commission as second lieutenant. Subsequently, he was sent to Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky., and then to Camp Lewis, Tacoma, Wash., where he was transferred from the light to the heavy artillery, joining the 13th division ot the 39th Heavy artillery. While there he was instructed in equitation. He was honorably discharged at that camp, December 22, 1918, and returned to his home to doff the khaki and again don the mufti of the civilian. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of Farmersville Lodge, F. & A. M. J. Frank Holtzmuller, the younger of the two sons, graduated from the Farmersville High school, following which he spent one year at Miami university. During the war he entered the Students Army Training corps and drilled at the university, but was not called for service. He is now at home and assisting his father in many of his business enterprises. The mother of these splendid sons is a native of Preble county, Ohio, and was born October 21, 1874, a daughter of Levi A. and Mary (Kayler) Creager. Of the three children in the family, two are living: Mrs. Holtzmuller and her brother, Benjamin, an agriculturist of West Manchester. Both parents are deceased. Mrs. Holtzmuller was educated in the public schools and is a graduate of the West Manchester High school. She has been her husband's faithful adviser, wise counselor and close confidant, and is a woman of splendid intellect and womanly qualities of mind and heart. Dr. Holtzmuller is a Republican and influential in his party since casting his first presidential vote in favor of the candidacy of President McKinley. He belongs to the Odd Fellows, Cedar Hill Lodge, No. 868, at Farmersville, and he and Mrs. Holtzmuller are members of the Rebekahs. They are people of the highest standing and their friends are legion.

Claude C. Hooven. Various business interests of an important character have occupied the attention and activities of Claude C. Hooven during a career covering more than a quarter of a century, but for the greater part his name has been associated with the handling of insurance as a member of the old-established and reliable firm of M. F. Hooven & Son, which was founded at Dayton in 1882. The success which has attended Mr. Hooven's activities has not been

achieved along any royal road to fortune, but is the outcome of persistent, intelligent and energetic endeavor along lines with which he has been well acquainted. A native of Dayton, he is a son of the late Myndus Frederick Hooven, who was born at Germantown, O., January 17, 1846, the latter being a son of John Patterson Hooven. Myndus F. Hooven was educated in the public schools of Germantown and Franklin, O., and as a lad began his career as an errand boy at Cincinnati. Later he became associated with his father and brothers in the hardware business at Xenia, O., at which place he subsequently became chief clerk in the office of the superintendent of the Little Miami railway. About the year 1879 he came to Dayton, where he was engaged in the farm implement business with his father until 1882. In the spring of that year he engaged in the general insurance (except life) business, and January 1, 1900, when his son was admitted, the firm adopted the style of M. F. Hooven & Son, which the business still retains. Offices were established on the second floor of the Eaker building, where they are still maintained, and the following companies represented: National of Hartford, National Liberty, Phoenix of England, Rhode Island, Urbaine, and Western of Pittsburg. Mr. Hooven was a business man of the practical, solid and substantial type, honest and honorable to the highest degree, a man who made friendships among his associates and who was held in the highest respect by his competitors. He was a Republican, but not a politician, and a citizen of the highest type. His death occurred May 7, 1911. He married April 25, 1874, Miss Mary Caldwell, daughter of Rev. J. C. Caldwell, of Crabapple, Ohio, and they had three children: Claude C.; Grace, the wife of Dr. Curtis Ginn, a practicing physician and surgeon of Dayton; and Mabel, the wife of William H. Muzzy, of Chicago. Claude C. Hooven received his education in the public schools of Dayton, and when still a youth, in 1891, began to work for his father in the insurance business. He was admitted as a member of the firm of M. F. Hooven & Son, January 1, 1900, and in December of the same year was elected secretary of the Dayton Electric Manufacturing company. In 1903 he was the organizer of the Dayton Rubber company, with which he was associated until 1909, then returning to the insurance business. This has since occupied the greater part of his attention, although he is a director in the Dayton Rubber Manufacturing company, and a member of the firm of G. W. Llewellyn & Co. The business founded by his father along lines of business honor and high principles has been conducted under the same policy by his son, and the continued success and prosperity of the enterprise evidences the confidence in which it is generally held by the public. This confidence extends to Mr. Hooven, who has at all times shown himself a man of the strictest integrity. In politics he is a Republican, but has not sought public office. Fraternally, he is a thirty-second degree Mason, and he also has other connections, both civic and social, belonging to the Young Men's Christian Association, the Greater Dayton association, and the Dayton, Dayton Country and Bicycle clubs. During the trouble on the Mexican border. Mr. Hooven served as major of the 148th United States infantry. A man of unusual business capacity, his years of orderly

and abundant work have resulted in the acquirement of wealth and the sane enjoyment of it. He has given strict attention to his business, conducting it with a thoughtful and intelligent management which could not help but bring about satisfactory results. Mr. Hooven keeps himself thoroughly posted on public events and matters of general interest, and is highly esteemed as a forceful, substantial man and excellent citizen. He was married June 1, 1904, at Dayton, to Miss Elizabeth Johnson, daughter of David M. Johnson, of Chester, Pa., and they have two children, Frederick J. and Mary E., both attending school.

Herbert C. Hopkins. The records of Dayton's business life furnish numerous examples of men who during their careers have fought their way from obscurity and humble position to prominence and influence in commercial and industrial affairs, but there are few which are more striking than the business history of Herbert C. Hopkins. When he became identified with the Thresher Varnish company, something more than thirty-five years ago, Mr. Hopkins entered upon the duties of bookkeeper. Step by step, through the passing of the years, he advanced himself in position and fortune, until today he is president of the company and accounted one of the strong and substantial business men of his adopted city. Mr. Hopkins was born at London, O., June 28, 1863, a son of Finley G. and Anna (McHenry) Hopkins, natives of the Buckeye state. His mother died when he was a child, and he was taken by his father to Xenia, O., where the elder man was engaged in carriage manufacturing for a long period, finally removing to Dayton, where his death occurred. The schools of Xenia furnished Herbert C. Hopkins with his educational training, and when he was a youth he learned the trade of carriage trimming, a natural development owing to the business in which his father was engaged, but only followed that vocation for several years, when he came to Dayton. Realizing the need of further education, he took a course at Wilt's Commercial college, and when he graduated from that institution accepted a position as bookkeeper for Miller Brothers, a concern which he left to assume a like position with the Thresher Varnish company, in June, 1883. His subsequent history has been the same as that of the company of which he is now the executive head. The Thresher Varnish company was established in 1859 by Ebenezer and J. B. Thresher and Charles F. Tower, a partnership which continued until 1867, when Mr. Tower withdrew, E. M. Thresher becoming a member of the firm in the following year. In 1871 Albert Thresher was admitted as a member, and January 1, 1874, Ebenezer Thresher, one of the founders, withdrew, at which time the business, formerly known as E. Thresher & Co., became simply Thresher & Co. In January, 1902, H. C. Hopkins and J. A. Pfanner were admitted as members of the concern, which assumed the name of Thresher Varnish company, and was incorporated for $200,000, with the following officials: J. B. Thresher, president; E. M. Thresher, vice-president and superintendent; Albert Thresher, secretary and treasurer; and H. C. Hopkins, assistant secretary. Early in 1910, some changes were made in the official titles, which read at that time: J. B. Thresher, president; E. M. Thresher, vice-president;

Albert Thresher, treasurer; H. C. Hopkins, secretary; and J. A. Pfanner, assistant treasurer; and in April of the same year E. M. Thresher succeeded to the presidency and Mr. Pfanner to the office of treasurer. May 23, 1912, H. C. Hopkins and J. A. Pfanner bought the concern, and the officers are now: H. C. Hopkins, president and manager; J. A. Pfanner, secretary and treasurer; and C. L. Sullivan, sales manager, Mr. Sullivan having been admitted as a member of the firm in 1915. That the firm is prospering and constantly growing may be seen in the fact that at present it is doing three times the amount of its usual business, 85 percent of which is in connection with railroad work. The product of the company is a line of high-class varnishes, with the world as its territory, and five traveling salesmen are on the road continuously, while eighteen people are employed in the plant. The company's building remains on the original site, where the business was founded sixty years ago, 200 Keowee street, although many changes in equipment, improvements in working conditions, and additions as to space have been made. The career of H. C. Hopkins is one that should prove encouraging to the young men who are facing the world without influential friends or aiding financial resources to start them on their way to success. His advantages consisted merely of an ordinary education, an extraordinary amount of ambition, and a firm determination to make something of his life. As he progressed, he developed his ability, and persistently applied himself to his tasks, in whatever position he found himself, until he finally reached the goal of his ambitions. He has a wide acquaintance and numerous important connections in the business world and is a director of the East Dayton Savings and Trust company. Like other public-spirited men he takes part in civic movements for advancement and is a member of the Greater Dayton association, is fraternally a Mason, and belongs to the Dayton and Dayton Country clubs. He is a member and trustee of Grace Methodist Episcopal church, to which his family also belong. July 3, 1884, Mr. Hopkins was married to Miss Minnie Groff, daughter of Michael and Minerva (Unger) Groff, of Allen county, Ohio, and three children have been born to them: Fay L., who is the wife of C. L. Sullivan, Jr., sales manager of the Thresher Varnish company, who has one daughter—Dorothy Lee; Herbert G., of Washington, D. C., who is married and has one daughter—Kate; and Ruth G., the wife of James J. Pocock, of Dayton, who has one son—James J., Jr.

Clarence A. Hormel. Eight years of honorable connection with the business interests of Dayton have served to give Clarence A. Hormel a high standing among the officials of commercial enterprises, and as secretary and treasurer of the Parfay company, of which he was one of the founders in 1917, he has displayed qualities that have gained him public confidence and the respect of his associates. Mr. Hormel was born at Kearney, Neb., September 12, 1879, a son of Joseph Hormel, who was for some years a resident of Warren county, Ohio, engaged in following carpentry and cabinet making. The public schools of Utica, Ohio, to which place he was taken as a lad, furnished his early educational training, following which he took a course in the normal school at Lebanon. He began

his career on a Warren county farm, but in 1906 turned to mercantile pursuits and moved to Ridgeville, Ohio, where he eventually became proprietor of a general store and conducted it for two years. In 1912 he took up his residence at Dayton and in partnership with Walter Kline embarked in the poultry business, a venture with which he was identified until 1917, disposing of his interests at that time to assume his present duties as secretary and treasurer of the Parfay company. Mr. Hormel is an active business man, and a participant in various movements tending toward business advancement. He belongs to the Dayton Chamber of Commerce and to various civic bodies and has a wide acquaintance among business men. February 12, 1901, he was united in matrimony with Dessie, daughter of Jacob Pence, an agriculturist of Warren county, and they are the parents of one daughter, Anna Willadine, who resides at home.

James H. Horne. During a period of about twenty-five years, James H. Horne was identified with the Barney & Smith Car company, of Dayton, and for several years was general superintendent of that huge enterprise. He is well known in architectural and engineering circles, where he keeps up the friendships made during his long period of professional work. Mr. Horne was born in the city of London, England, October 13, 1866, a son of James and Mary Ann (Moss) Horne. His father, who is now deceased, as is also his mother, was for fifteen years president of Litchfield (England) University, and a man widely known in the world of letters, an educator of more than ordinary reputation. James H. Horne was educated in the schools of his native country, and had just passed his majority when he came to the United States in 1887. His first employment here was in the line of architectural work in the service of the Canadian Pacific railway, and later he was retained in a like capacity by the Harlan-Holswith Corporation, of Wilmington, Del., shipbuilders and builders of railway cars. There, his work attracted the attention of the Barney & Smith Car company, and in 1890, after a little more than a year in the employ of the Delaware concern, he was induced to come to Dayton as designer in chief for the big car works here. From that position he arose steadily, until, at the time of his resignation, in June, 1918, he had been general superintendent of the company for several years. Mr. Horne is a man of marked ability in his calling, and was enabled to command compensation for his services which allowed him to accumulate a handsome competence. He is now living in his comfortable home at No. 59 Linden avenue. Mr. Horne is interested in fraternal work, belonging to St. John's Lodge, Unity Chapter, Reese Council and Reed Commandery of the Masonic order in addition to which he has a number of civic and social connections, including membership in the Dayton City club, the Dayton Engineers club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Y. M. C. A. His religious relationship is with the First Presbyterian church of Dayton. January 26, 1889, he was united in marriage with Miss Sadie L. Simmons, daughter of George H. P. and Margery (Bullock) Simmons, of Wilmington, Del.

William A. Hoskin. In a field of business endeavor which demands the highest qualification of its followers, William A. Hoskin has achieved more than local prominence. The manager of the Ohio-Cooper Agency company has been connected with the insurance business at Dayton practically since the outset of his career, and in the development of this enterprise has assisted in building up one of the strong and reliable concerns of his adopted city. Mr. Hoskin was born in County Lambton, Ontario, Canada, April 2, 1873, a son of William and Jane (Prout) Hoskin, and was but two months old when brought to Ionia county, Mich., by his parents, farming people. His father is deceased, while his mother lives on the old homestead. Mr. Hoskin received his education in the public schools of Ionia, Mich., following his attendance at which he pursued a course in a commercial college there. His business career commenced when he was still a youth in the offices of R. G. Dun & Co., at Grand Rapids, where he remained two and one-half years, being then transferred to the Dayton office of the same concern, in June, 1895. After being with that concern for eight months, he cast his fortunes with Capt. John N. Bell, who was engaged in the insurance business. Captain Bell had in 1885 founded what was known as the Ohio Insurance company, which went out of business in 1896, reinsuring its risks in the North British & Mercantile company. Mr. Hoskin at that time was a clerk in the company, of which Captain Bell was secretary, and when the latter started a local agency Mr. Hoskin remained with him. About 1900, Mr. Hoskin became a partner in the business, under the firm style of Bell & Hoskin, and about 1912 Mr. Hoskin reinsured the Cooper Insurance company, as it was then known, in the North British & Mercantile company. At that time he incorporated the Ohio-Cooper Agency company, the following officers being elected: Capt. J. N. Bell, president; William A. Hoskin, vice-president, and Samuel LaRose, secretary. In 1914 Captain Bell retired from business activities, and Mr. Hoskin became president and manager, Mr. LaRose remaining as secretary. The offices of this concern are located at 501-6 Dayton Savings and Trust building, where forty people are now given employment. The company writes every kind of insurance except life, and maintains its own insurance engineer. Among the companies represented may be mentioned: the Commonwealth, German American, Mechanics & Traders, Mercantile, Michigan Fire & Marine, North British & Mercantile, Providence Washington, Queen, Royal Exchange Assurance, Sun & Pennsylvania Fire. Mr. Hoskin is accounted an expert and authority on all matters pertaining to insurance, and few men have a wider acquaintance in the business. Like other good insurance men, he has comprehensive knowledge of conditions governing various lines of business, of values, and of human motives and methods. His judgment is recognized as being excellent and his foresight in regard to coming events shrewd and accurate. As one of Dayton's leading business men he occupies a place on the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, and his other civic and business connections are numerous and important. With his family, he belongs to the Third Street Presbyterian church. Mr. Hoskin

is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner, and holds membership in the Dayton, Dayton Country and Community clubs. He was married November 27, 1900, to Miss Stella Meeks, daughter of Sylvester Meeks, of Troy, Ohio.

Robert Thruston Houk. From the time that he completed his college career to the present, Robert Thruston Houk has been an active participant in business affairs, and his numerous important connections, both in the past and today stamp him as a man possessed of ability and versatility. While various parts of the country have had the opportunity of becoming acquainted with his vigorous and capable handling of important business matters, the greater part of his career has been passed at Dayton, where he is now vice-president of the Mead Pulp and Paper company, and a director of the Peerless Paper company, and president of the Houk Estate company. Mr. Houk belongs to one of Dayton's old and prominent families, and was born in this city, September 27, 1862. His father the late Hon. George W. Houk, who died in February, 1894, was brought to Dayton at the age of two years, in 1827, subsequently studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1847, and became one of the city's foremost attorneys. He was elected to the State Legislature in 1852. Robert Thruston Houk received excellent educational advantages in his youth, first attending the public schools and later Cooper academy, of Dayton, receiving private instruction under the preceptorship of Professor Roberts. His initial business experience was secured as a traveling salesman for the A. A. Simmonds company, with which concern he remained for two years, when he accepted a position with a mining company in old Mexico. Upon his return from Mexico, in 1885, he became city representative for the Journal, a connection that continued only for a short period. He joined the H. E. Mead company forces next, in the capacity of shipping clerk and salesman, but in 1889 left that firm and attached himself to the National Cash Register company as chief inspector, remaining with that industry for eighteen years, filling a number of important positions. In 1906 he went to Kansas City as representative of his company, in the office of sales manager of Kansas City territory. In 1907 he returned to Dayton as factory manager of the Dayton Motor Car company, and continued therewith until that concern was absorbed by the United States Motor company, in 1911. Mr. Houk's next connection was with the Stoddard-Dayton division of the United States Motor company, of New York city, where he remained as sales manager until 1912, and then returned to Dayton as secretary of the Mead Pulp and Paper company, a position which he held until 1919, when he was elected to the office of vice-president. Mr. Houk belongs to the Business Men's club of the Y. M. C. A., and like other prominent and energetic business men evidences his public spirit and civic pride by connecting himself with movements intended to advance the city and the interests of its citizens and industries, and in this connection belongs to the Greater Dayton association. He also holds membership in the Dayton Country, Dayton City and Buz Fuz clubs and to the Elks. Mr. Houk was married September 20, 1887, to Miss Lily Talbott, daughter of J. L. Talbott, of Cincinnati, O., and six

children have been born to this union: Marianna, who died in 1889; Robert Thruston, Jr., married Ruth Milliken of New York City; Catherine Talbott, the wife of D. C. Flint, of Dayton; Sarah Elstner, the wife of Alexander Hammer, of Boston, Mass.; George W., who joined the United States army and was stationed at Camp Lee, Va.; and John Talbott, attending Andover-Phillips academy.

Robert Thurston Houk, Jr. The young and virile business element of Dayton has a worthy representative in the person of Robert Thruston Houk, jr., who, during the past several years has been prominently identified with the G. H. Mead Paper company. Mr. Houk was born at Dayton, September 28, 1890, a son of Robert Thruston and Sarah Elstner (Talbott) Houk, and a grandson of the late Hon. George W. Houk, who was brought to Dayton in 1827, at the age of two years. The grandfather later became one of the leading members of the Dayton legal profession, being admitted to the bar in 1847, and in 1852 was elected to the state legislature. Robert Thruston Houk, the elder, was born at Dayton, December 27, 1862, and attended Cooper academy, subsequently receiving private instruction under Professor Roberts. He had various important business connections, both in this city and elsewhere, and in 1912 became secretary of the Mead Pulp and Paper company. He is also president of the Houk Estate company and vice-president of the Peerless Paper company, and has numerous important civic and social connections. He was married September 20, 1887, to Miss Sarah Elstner Talbott, daughter of J. L. Talbott, of Cincinnati, and they are the parents of six children: Marianna, who died in 1889; Robert Thruston, jr.; Katherine Talbott, the wife of D. C. Flint, of Dayton; Sarah Elstner, the wife of Alexander Hammer, of Boston, Mass.; George W., who entered the United States service and was stationed at Camp Lee, Va., and is now a freshman at Yale, as is also John Talbott. Robert Thruston Houk, jr., received his education in the graded schools, the Steele High school of Dayton, and Hobart college, Geneva, N. Y., from which he was graduated with the class of 1913, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science. Almost immediately upon graduation he went to Canada, where he became connected with the Laurentide Company, Ltd., a large paper company, there receiving his introduction to the business which he has practically made his life work. Later he was in the offices of the same company at Toronto and Montreal for two and one-half years, in the capacity of sales manager, following which he became assistant secretary of the New Print Manufacturing association of New York. He was later advanced to secretary of that association, but in February, 1918, returned to his native city of Dayton to assume duties with the G. H. Mead Company, with which concern he has since been identified. The company is capitalized at $1,000,000 with George H. Mead, president, and Henry S. Mead, vice-president. Mr. Houk is one of this city's capable and rapidly advancing young business men, who gives promise of going far in his career. He is an active member of the Greater Dayton association and the Y. M. C. A., and holds membership also in the Buz Fuz and Dayton Country clubs, Dayton Polo club and in the Sigma Phi college fraternity.

Mr. Houk was married September 18, 1915, to Miss Ruth Milliken, a daughter of Foster and Louise (Ward) Milliken, of New York City, and they are the parents of three children: Sarah Louise, Robert Thruston III, and Ruth Milliken.

William Franklin Howe. The ambitions of some individuals lead them to strive for material honors, their greatest desire being to become famous in politics, in military or civic life, in business or in the professions. Ahead of all these, however, is the man, who, while steadily striving to improve his condition and make of himself a factor in any line of endeavor he has entered upon, does not give himself over entirely to personal ambition in any direction, but exercises his abilities in elevating his community and assisting others to elevate their standards of living. In this latter class are found Mr. and Mrs. William Franklin Howe, worthy representatives of Montgomery county's best citizenship, and members of old and honored families of the Miami valley. William Franklin Howe traces his ancestry back to England in the year 1636, when one of his progenitors came to America from that country. He was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, November 26, 1869, a twin, and the tenth in order of birth of the twelve children of Loami and Susanna (Winters) Howe. Of these children, nine are living, all of whom are residents of Montgomery county with one exception, John E. Howe, a resident of Darke county, Ohio. Of his brothers, two are carpenters, and the others agriculturists. Mr. Howe and his sister, Sovilla, were real twins, the word real being used to emphasize the fact that so closely were they related to each other in everything, that whatever affected either the mind or body of one had its corresponding and immediate effect upon the other, this being something that is exceedingly rare. Loami Howe was born May 24, 1826, in Ohio, and died September 26, 1909, while the mother was born in this state December 24, 1830, and died February 20, 1912. She was a noble Christian wife and mother, and aided her worthy and capable husband in all of his enterprises, and they lie side by side in the Parish cemetery in Clay township, Montgomery county, where a monument stands as a sacred guard. Loami Howe was a self-educated man, very self-controlled, and a man of numerous and varied talents, being at once a skilled mechanic who could erect a house from its foundations complete and a thoroughly competent farmer in all departments of agricultural work. During the Civil war he fought valiantly as a wearer of the Union blue, in the 93d Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, took part in several notable battles, was wounded in the hip by a piece of shell, and at the close of three years of hard fighting received his honorable discharge, which cherished papers are still preserved by his son, William F. Some of the Howes were also soldiers during the Revolutionary war. The grandparents of Mr. Howe, Joel and Rheumilla Howe, were early settlers on the western frontier, and were massacred by the Sioux Indians at Spear Lake, Iowa, March 9, 1857. His parents, who were married October 10, 1847, were devout members of the Brethren in Christ church at Wenger Lawn. William Franklin Howe was reared in Montgomery county, where he was granted the advantages of a common school educa-

tional training, and remained at home with his parents, taking care of them in their declining years. December 24 1893, he was united in marriage with Sarah Jane Hunt, and they became the parents of two children: Esta May, educated in the public schools, who married Herschel Pansing, a prominent agriculturist of Montgomery county, and has two children; Mildred Verno and Cletus H., and Earl Leo, who completed the graded schools and spent three years in high school, and then began to display wonderful ability as a mechanic, having inherited his grandfather's knack for turning his hand to many useful occupations. He enlisted in the United States army as a bugler and was sent to Camp Taylor, Ky., where he was fully equipped and trained and ready to go to France, when the armistice was signed and he received his honorable discharge. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Dayton. He married Miss Mildred Rice, and they are the parents of two sons: Glenn William, who gives evidences of becoming a natural musician, and Harold E., the youngest. Mrs. Sarah Jane (Hunt) Howe was born in Darke county, Ohio, January 15, 1874, a daughter of Aaron and Elizabeth (Staver) Hunt, of whose five sons and four daughters, four are residents of Montgomery county, two of Darke county and three of Preble county. Aaron Hunt was born April 22, 1850 in Preble county, Ohio, where he was educated in the public schools, and in spite of his extreme youth made a number of efforts to enlist in the Union army, only to be frustrated in his designs by his watchful father and the recruiting officers. For many years he was engaged in successful agricultural operations, but is now in retirement at Verona, Ohio, and where he is a member of the lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Ithica, Ohio. Mrs. Hunt, who was born February 10, 1848, in Ohio, also survives. Mrs. William F. Howe is possessed of unusually bright intellect and of great vigor and has been an unfailing and faithful guide to her husband throughout their married life. When they began housekeeping they were possessed of but $40, a few household necessities, and a horse and wagon, and were accordingly compelled to start at the bottom round of the ladder. They faced hard times and patiently stood them, came to obstacles and overcame them, worked determinedly and perseveringly, and eventually won their way to success. In 1919 they were the owners of twenty-three acres of valuable land in Clay township, nearly all the buildings on which were personally erected by Mr. Howe, who is a clever manipulator of carpenter's tools, assisted in the manual work by his faithful wife. Not a dollar of debt stands against this property, and in addition there is a comfortable amount of stock resting in the bank at Verona. During the careers, while looking to their own welfare, they have not been indifferent to others, and the sick and needy have always found in them true friends. Mrs. Howe is a devout member of the United Brethren church at Verona, and the happy home, known as Shady Lawn, is one where good cheer and cordiality abides, and where the many friends and acquaintances of this worthy couple are always sure of a welcome, as well as the stranger within the gates. In his political actions, Mr. Howe takes an independent stand, pre-

ferring to abide by his own judgment in choosing officials best fitted for the offices at stake, rather than to blindly follow the choice of party. Officially he has served as supervisor of his township in Preble county, as well as acting in a like position for one term in Clay township. As a fraternalist he is a valued and popular member of the Honor Council No. 24, Junior Order United American Mechanics at Dayton, Ohio.

Thomas Edwin Howell. In the career of Thomas Edwin Howell, manager of the City Railway company, of Dayton, there are to be found all the elements that combine to form interesting American biographies. He was born in the city in which his success was subsequently gained; his boyhood days were passed in a comfortable home and his educational opportunities were of the best; he entered the business which he had chosen for his life work in a humble capacity, and through industry, fidelity and persevering determination worked his way to the top of the ladder. This is the kind of story which is a favorite one with writers of fiction; in Mr. Howell's case it is true in every particular. Thomas Edwin Howell was born at Dayton, O., February 24, 1863, a son of William F. Howell. Educated in the public schools, he further prepared himself by taking a course at Dever's institute and Wilt's Business college, and his first employment was as a conductor on the Home Avenue railroad, where he remained for seven years, during which time he gained and held the respect of his employers and at the same time was popular with the patrons of that line, for, while attending strictly to his duties, he found the opportunity to extend little courtesies and to be obliging, something, it must be admitted, as refreshingly pleasant as it unfortunately is uncommon. February 1, 1899, Mr. Howell went to the Fifth Street railway as superintendent, and during the seven years of his incumbency of that office, the patrons were given excellent service. By this time he had completely mastered the business of railroading as it pertains to street railways, and he was chosen by the City Railway company as general superintendent. From this office it was but a step to that of manager, the duties of which he assumed in 1917 and which he has faithfully and capably discharged to the present time. Mr. Howell, in his managerial capacity, has given the people of Dayton efficient, reliable and expeditious service. At the same time he has had little or no trouble with the employees, for, having risen from the ranks himself, he can appreciate his men's difficulties and problems, and settle them in a manner which would be impossible by one who, so to speak, had been born to the official purple. As a result, the high position which he holds in railway circles is made more pleasant by his popularity among his men. Mr. Howell is a member of Iola Lodge, K. P., and of the Dayton and Bicycle clubs. He was married June 23, 1885, to Miss Mary E. Blackwell, daughter of John H. Blackwell, of Dayton, and to this union there have been born four children, namely: Robert A., a resident of Dayton; Marguerite, who is the wife of Edward C. Wolf, of Cleveland; Eugene F., a resident of Aurora, Ill.; and Edwina Elizabeth, who resides with her parents.

Mark William Howett, D. V. M. That most useful of quadrupeds, the horse, has a humane and skillful overseer of its welfare in Dr. Mark William Howett, a resident of Brookville since his graduation from the veterinary department of the Ohio State university. Doctor Howett, since embarking upon the practice of his profession, has gained an extensive practice, and while succeeding in a material way has also advanced rapidly in the esteem and confidence of the people of his community through a demonstration of high standards of citizenship. He was born in Greene county, Ohio, October 6, 1891, the youngest in a family of four sons and one daughter born to Joseph Reese and Clarissa (Molter) Howett, of which children four are living: Harry H., educated in the public schools and Antioch college, Ohio, and the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, and now in the civil service at Columbus, Ohio; Lloyd D., a member of the United States Army Medical corps, who saw much active service in France during the great war; and Grace A., a musician of Osborn, Ohio. Joseph Reese Howett was born in Greene county, Ohio, where he was self-educated, and at the age of fourteen years succeeded in being accepted by the recruiting officers for service in the Union army during the Civil war. He fought bravely with his comrades for three years and was only seventeen years of age when he received an honorable discharge and returned to his civic duties, a veteran. He was one of the highly respected and greatly esteemed men of his community and an honorable citizen, and died in the faith of the Reformed church in 1917. Mrs. Howett, a native of the same county, survives her husband and resides at Osborn, where she is a devout member of the Reformed church. Dr. Mark W. Howett received his primary education in the public schools and after pursuing a high school course in Clark county entered the veterinary science department of the University of Ohio in 1910. He established a reputation as an ambitious and conscientious student, and graduated in the class of 1916, immediately after which he located at Brookville, where he has built up a practice that not only includes this city, but also covers the territory to the city of Dayton and the contiguous community to the northwest and south of Brookville. Few young men are better equipped for this chosen calling than is this agreeable and popular veterinary surgeon. He has a bright and inquiring mind, a disposition to make himself of practical use in the world, and a keen appreciation of the possibilities as yet undiscovered in his vocation. He has made rapid advancement in gaining confidence, and in a number of difficult cases has demonstrated the possession of skill of a high character. His office is fully equipped with the finest surgical instruments known to the veterinary profession and he keeps fully posted as to the various advancements made by subscriptions to the leading journals pertaining to his calling. He has no political aspirations nor does he seek any honors not immediately connected with his life work. Fraternally, he is connected with Brookville Masonic Lodge, No. 596, and the Chapter at Milton, Ohio, and also holds membership in the Junior Order United American Mechanics at Brookville. He and Mrs. Howett are faithful members of the United Brethren church, and have done their full

share in supporting its movements, as well as all other enterprises which are worthy of their consideration. Doctor Howett was married February 14, 1917, to Reatha Mae McNelly, who was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, on a farm, July 4, 1893, a daughter of Warren and Sarah (Cloppert) McNelly. Mrs. Howett has one sister: Mary Alice, the wife of A. A. Maysilles, superintendent of public schools of Montgomery county and a resident of Dayton. Mr. and Mrs. Warren McNelly still survive and are residents of Clarksville, Ohio, and natives of Montgomery county. During the early years of his career, Mr. McNelly was an agriculturist in Montgomery county, but subsequently turned his attention to mercantile pursuits and for many years was a well known business man of Brookville. He now carries on a general merchandise business at Clarksville, where he has an excellent reputation in business circles of the city. In politics he is a Democrat and fraternally a Pythian Knight, and he and Mrs. McNelly are faithful members of the United Brethren church. Mrs. Howett was given excellent educational advantages and is a woman of culture and refinement. After graduating from the Brookville High school in the class of 1911, she took a post-graduate course in the same institution and then began her career as a teacher in the public schools. For three years she was one of the popular educators of Johnsville, but at the time of her marriage gave up her school work to take charge of the management of her home. She is possessed of marked musical talent and has received advanced instructions in instrumental music. Dr. and Mrs. Howett have a little daughter, Virginia Maxine, the light of their pretty home, the hospitable portals of which are ever kept open to their numerous friends.

Ohmer E. Howland. One of the most important of the public utilities of any city, and more particularly so in a great and thriving metropolis like Dayton, is that which deals with the problems of its power and lighting systems. The gradual development of this branch of the public service has entailed a stupendous amount of work, and the continued maintenance of high standards makes necessary the presence of high ability in the executive positions, but the development has been gradual and the general run of people cannot realize how important this work has been, or how much depends upon the proper handling of the innumerable problems that constantly arise. Dayton has been fortunate in the possession of capable men in this direction, and one of these is Ohmer E. Howland, secretary and treasurer of the Dayton Power and Light company. Since the start of his career Mr. Howland has been identified with this organization, and his rise in position has come through a proper recognition of his merit. Mr. Howland was born on a branch of the Little Miami river, at Bellbrook, Greene county, Ohio, April 4, 1886, a son of Armstrong R. Howland. He was educated in the public schools of Bellbrook, following which he took a course in the Miami Commercial college, at Dayton, and his first experience in a business way was secured in the capacity of bookkeeper for the Dayton Power and Light company. He began his connection with this concern in June, 1909, and his fidelity, industry and general ability won the confidence and esteem of his superiors,

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so that in 1912 he was made assistant secretary and assistant treasurer of the company. After five years passed in those capacities, Mr. Howland was advanced to the secretary-treasurership in 1917. A business man of more than average ability, Mr. Howland has concentrated upon one line, and has brought to bear upon the conduct of the business of which he is a representative a broad knowledge of conditions that has assisted materially in giving to the public the best of service. He is active in civic bodies, being a working member of the Greater Dayton association, and is likewise a member of the Dayton City club. He is a Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner, and a member of Stillwater Blue lodge, and wherever known is popular with his associates. Mr. Howland was married August 29, 1918, to Miss Eva I. Green, daughter of Lewis Green, a well known and highly esteemed resident of Dayton.

Edward W. Hoyne. Among the representatives of the business of funeral directing at Dayton, none in recent years has come into more prominence than Edward W. Hoyne. He is a native of Dayton, born March 13, 1889, his parents being Edward W. and Catherine (Dempsey) Hoyne, both of whom also called Dayton the place of their nativity and both now deceased. Edward W. Hoyne, the elder, was a tool maker by trade, and for a number of years was employed at the Delco plant, where he was accounted a skilled workman, a reliable man and a good friend to those who had won his confidence. He and his wife were faithful members of the Corpus Christi Catholic church, and were the parents of seven children: John, of Dayton; Sarah, the widow of Jesse Cusic, of this city; Mary Ann, the wife of Orrien Spencer Williamson, of Columbus, Ohio; Robert, of Dayton; Rose Gertrude, the wife of Edward Hadapp, of Dayton; Edward W., and Agnes Ione, the wife of Dr. Joseph Weingardner, of Dayton. Edward W. Hoyne, the younger, was educated at St. Joseph's parochial school and St. Mary's college, and after his graduation from the latter, in the class of 1906, began working for B. B. Westbrook. Leaving that gentleman's employ, he entered the Cincinnati college of Embalming, from which he was duly graduated in 1911, and began business with Harry O'Neal. This association was terminated by the death of Mr. O'Neal, in 1913, and since then Mr. Hoyne has carried on his business alone, at No. 1817 East Third street. To natural ability Mr. Hoyne has added close study and long training. He owns an equipment second to none in the city, and has one of the leading concerns of its kind in the city. His sincerity, tact and sympathy have gained Mr. Hoyne numerous friends, and it has been his fortune to have so impressed himself upon public confidence that many rely upon his services in their hour of grief. He is a member of the Funeral Directors' and Embalmers' association of Ohio, and occupies a high position in his calling. He belongs to the Corpus Christi Catholic church, and fraternally is a Knight of Columbus of the fourth degree and a member of the local lodges of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Woodmen of the World. May 24, 1917, Mr. Hoyne married Alma, daughter of George and Henrietta (Kuhn) Seviers, of Dayton, and they are the parents of one son, Edward W., jr.

H. Loran Huber. In the attainment of a position of marked prominence in the business activities of Dayton, H. Loran Huber has displayed qualities of perseverance, industry and aggressiveness and of ability to make one's efforts count. He has traveled the difficult but satisfying self-made road to success, and the last twenty-five years of his career have been passed with the Dayton Paper Novelty company, of which concern he is now secretary and assistant treasurer. Mr. Huber was born September 27, 1863, on a farm in Logan county, Ohio, a son of John and Rebecca (Pence) Huber, both of whom are now deceased. His father was a lifelong agriculturist, and the youth was reared on the farm, but country life did not appeal to him and he decided upon either a professional or commercial career. His early education was secured in the rural schools of Logan county, Ohio, after which he attended the high school at DeGraff, Ohio, and in 1884 first came to Dayton, where he attended the Miami Commercial college. Returning to Logan county, he accepted a position as teacher, and during the next three winter terms taught in the country schools, while he spent the summer months in work on the farm. Returning to Dayton, during the term of 1887 he studied stenography at the Miami Commercial college, and this enabled him to secure a position in the auditing department of the Dayton, Ft. Wayne & Chicago Railway company. Later he became assistant bookkeeper for the Dayton Spice Mills company, and in 1893 transferred his services to the Dayton Paper Novelty company, as bookkeeper. His faithful application to his employer's interests and his real ability and industry, gained him repeated promotion, and in 1903 he was made secretary and assistant treasurer, positions which he still retains. Mr. Huber now has an established position in the business world of his adopted city, one which has been gained through his own ability and without outside assistance. He is a member of the Masonic order and the Knights of Pythias, as well as of the Kiwanis club, and has numerous friendships, in business and social circles, where his acquaintance is large. Mr. Huber was married May 12, 1891, to Miss Jennie H. Wolfe, daughter of Frederick Wolfe, of Union city, Ind., and to this union there have been born two children: Earl B. and Florence A.

William A. Hueffelmann. In his rise from the humble position of office boy to that of secretary and treasurer of The F. A. Requarth company, of Dayton, William A. Hueffelmann has furnished still another illustration of the opportunities offered young men of ambition and industry to secure rewards through the demonstration of their abilities. With no special advantages to aid, and with no influences, financial or otherwise, to assist him, he has made his own career a successful one and has added his name to the list of men who have depended upon themselves wholly in the attainment of their goal. Mr. Hueffelmann was born September 17, 1872, at Dayton, a son of Henry G. Hueffelmann. The career of the father was much the same as has been that of the son. The elder man was born in Germany in 1837, and was a poor youth of nineteen years when he emigrated to the United States in search of his fortune. Locating at Dayton he secured a me-

chanic's position at the Barney & Smith Car works, where his industry, fidelity and general good workmanship won him promotion to the foremanship of the freight body shop. After filling this position satisfactorily for several years he was advanced to the post of foreman of the truck shop and mill, and remained as such until 1893, when he severed his connection with the concern with which he had been so long and so honorably identified, to accept the office of treasurer of the Germania Building and Loan association. From the treasurership he was advanced to the presidency, and was holding that position at the time of his demise, February 4, 1907. Mr. Hueffelmann was one of the well-known and highly esteemed business citizens of Dayton, who is readily remembered by business men as one with high principles of integrity. William A. Hueffelmann attended St. Paul's Lutheran parochial school, following which he laid a foundation for a business career by a course at Wilt's Commercial college. His father at that time was still connected with the Barney & Smth Car company, and the youth secured employment there, but after one year decided that his tastes did not run in a mechanical direction, and accordingly resigned and entered the office of The F. A. Requarth company, as office boy. He proved willing, industrious and intelligent, won the approval of his employers, and was advanced gradually to the position of bookkeeper, all the time making himself more valuable to his firm. From bookkeeper he rose by stages to a place from which, when the opportunity came, he was advanced to secretary and treasurer. The F. A. Requarth company is one of the old established and reliable lumber concerns of Dayton, its existence dating back as far as 1860. In that year a partnership was formed by F. A. Requarth and Henry Meyer, and a yards was established at Wayne avenue and Canal street. The business was a successful one, and the partnership, mutually agreeable and profitable, continued until 1890, when The F. A. Requarth company was incorporated for $40,000, with F. A. Requarth, president; M. F. Sherer, vice-president; and J. E. Artz, secretary and treasurer. Four years thereafter the business was moved to the present location, at Monument avenue and Sears street. Frederick Augustus Requarth, one of the founders, died in April, 1911, after a long and honorable career, and Henry W. Requarth, his son, became president of the company; H. J. Kramer, vice-president; and William A. Hueffelmann, secretary and treasurer, these being the present officials. The capital remains at $40,000, and 150 people are given employment. The company manufactures doors, sash, bank fixtures and all kinds of wood specialties, and its product is known wherever articles of this kind, of high-class workmanship, are in demand. Mr. Hueffelmann is widely known to the trade and bears an excellent reputation in business circles. He is a member of the Vade Mecum club, and of various civic and social bodies, and belongs to St. John's Lutheran church. October 27, 1907, he was married to Miss Mary Fontana, daughter of John Fontana, of Louisville, Ky.

Frank T. Huffman, Jr. As an energetic exponent of the spirit that has brought the younger generation to the forefront in business

circles during recent years, Frank T. Huffman stands as a striking example among Dayton's citizens. However carefully we must speak of youth, it cannot be denied that only in modern times is it possible to find cases where men who have just passed their majority are occupying positions of great responsibility and importance. Mr. Huffman was born at Dayton, January 7, 1898, a son of Col. F. T. Huffman. He received excellent educational opportunities, first attending the Howe-Marot private school, later the Lawrenceville preparatory school, at Lawrenceville, N. J., and finally the Colorado college. His first business connection was with the Davis Sewing Machine company, which he joined immediately upon the close of his college career, and with this firm his advancement was rapid. Following the entrance of the United States into the World war, a large part of the plant of the Davis Sewing Machine company was turned over to work pertaining to supplying the Government with its many needs, and Mr. Huffman was placed as assistant in charge of the munitions department, a position which he held until the signing of the armistice brought about the cessation of hostilities and as a consequence made unnecessary the manufacture of further Government goods. Mr. Huffman had performed his duties so well in his managerial capacity, that, as a recognition of his services, he was made treasurer of the concern, a position which he still retains and in which he is handling matters to the entire satisfaction of his associates. Mr. Huffman is a member of the First Baptist church. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, the Dayton Country club, and the Phi Delta Theta fraternity of Colorado college, and is popular in business, social and fraternal circles. He was married August 14, 1918, to Miss Jane Wight, daughter of Major I. E. and Marie (Ewing) Wight, of St. Louis, Mo.

Col. F. T. Huffman. The record of Dayton's business men demonstrates that none of them who have risen to enviable positions have been thus successful unless they have possessed more than average ability and have applied to their work a conscientious thoroughness. Competition today is keener than it was several decades ago, but then much of the way had yet to be blazed. People had to be awakened to the need for necessities they were too prone to believe were easily foregone luxuries, so that the work of the business men who laid the foundations for much of Dayton's industrial greatness was extremely heavy. There were plenty of these men to be found in those days, just as now, who rose equal to the demands of their times, and one who then, as he has in the succeeding years, proved himself worthy of the trust reposed in him and the requirements of his undertaking, is Col. F. T. Huffman, president of the Davis Sewing Machine company. This business was incorporated by Job Davis, in Pennsylvania, about 1867, and April 15, 1869, was reincorporated at Watertown, N. Y., by Willard Ives, president. In 1888, the business was purchased by George P. Huffman and Oscar M. Gottschall, the plant being moved to Dayton, and the improvements and buildings were financed by the National Improvement company. The new incorporators were: George P. Huffman, O. M. Gottschall, John W. Stoddard, E. J.

Barney, S. H. Carr and O. B. Brown. In 1889, George P. Huffman was elected president and L. A. Johnston, secretary and general manager. In 1895, the business was incorporated for $600,000, Messrs. Huffman and Johnston remaining as president and secretary, respectively, and at that time F. T. Huffman entered the business as treasurer. George P. Huffman dying in 1896, S. H. Carr assumed the presidency and F. T. Huffman assumed the duties of general manager, Ziba Crawford becoming treasurer. These officers continued until 1897, when a re-election placed F. T. Huffman in the presidency, S. H. Carr becoming vice-president, Walter Black treasurer and J. B. Parmele secretary. Mr. Black was succeeded as treasurer in 1899 by G. H. Gorman, who, in 1914, became vice-president, and at that time John M. Huffman assumed the office of treasurer. The present officials of the company are: F. T. Huffman, president; J. M. Huffman, vice-president; H. M. Huffman, secretary; F. T. Huffman, jr., treasurer; G. P. Huffman, assistant secretary; and C. A. Hawkins, second vice-president. The capital of the concern is now $1,200,000, and 2,000 people are given employment in the huge plant at Dayton, while branches are also maintained at New York City, Chicago and San Francisco. Colonel Huffman has always taken a justifiable pride in his accomplishment with regard to this magnificent enterprise, for it attained its supremacy under his wise management. Few men have been given the satisfaction of seeing their ideas bear such abundant fruit as has he. Many pass from their earthly sphere of endeavor before their plans develop, and honor can only be accorded to their memory, but in Colonel Huffman's case it is different. In addition he has surrounded himself with a circle of sound, sane business men with whom he is congenial, and his social relations are of a very pleasant character.

George P. Huffman. The present flourishing condition of so many of Dayton's business concerns is indicative of the stable underlying commercial situation that prevails here, and this is the result of the careful, conservative methods that mark the business activities of the leading and representative men. In normal times every line may prosper, but to maintain the same condition when the entire country's business is disturbed, indicates substantial qualities, sane methods and resourceful leadership that should not be overlooked in counting the city's valuable assets. As an illustration of undiminished business prosperity, mention may be made of the Davis Sewing Machine company at Dayton, of which large concern George P. Huffman is secretary and director of purchases. Mr. Huffman was born at Dayton, January 24, 1889, and is a son of George P. Huffman. He secured his education in the public schools and after completing his course spent two years with the Miami Building & Loan association and later gained a very thorough knowledge of business with the Huffman Realty company, where he continued for eight years. In 1917, Mr. Huffman became identified with the Davis Sewing Machine company as an official and this association has continued with advantage to all concerned. Business rather than public affairs have always interested him, although he is fully awake to every duty of citizenship. He was

married October 17, 1911, to Miss Annie S. Harshman, who is a daughter of John S. Harshman, of Springfield, Ohio. They have two children: Mary McKee and George P., jr. Mr. Huffman is a Mason, Elk and Knight of Pythias, and belongs also to the Dayton and the Buz Fuz clubs.

Harvey Carr Huffman, D. D. S. During the fifteen years that Dr. Harvey Carr Huffman has been engaged in the practice of dental surgery at Dayton, he has made steady and consistent advancement in his profession both as to the acquirement of a desirable practice and in the attainment of the recognition of his professional brethren. The president of the Miami Valley Dental society was born at Dayton, March 1, 1884, a son of Fred and Harriet (Carr) Huffman, and received his early education in the public schools of the city. Following his graduation from the Ohio College of Dental Surgery, at Cincinnati, in 1905, he began practice, at the present having a remunerative and representative clientele, with offices at No. 244 Ludlow Arcade. He adds to a natural predilection for his profession the aids of the most highly improved appliances of his calling, and is a close and careful student, and a valued member of the Miami Valley Dental society, of which he is president; the Ohio State Dental association, and the National Dental association. January 1, 1915, he became dental inspector of the Dayton public schools by appointment, and holds that important office at this time. Doctor Huffman is a member of the Xi Psi Phi college dental fraternity, and is a Scottish Rite Mason and member of the Mystic Shrine. Doctor Huffman was united in marriage with Mabel Love, daughter of Harry Wirshing, of Dayton, and they have two children: Helen Mildred and Doris Florence.

Robert Franklin Hunt. In business circles of Dayton, the name of Robert Franklin Hunt is well and favorably known in connection with the extensive operations of the Danis-Hunt Construction company, of which concern he is vice-president. Preeminently a self-made man, he has risen from the ranks, and his long and diversified training and experience have made his services of incalculable value to the firm. Mr. Hunt was born in York county, Va., January 27, 1878. His educational training was confined to attendance at the public schools of Norfolk, Va., and when still a lad he showed marked mechanical ability and rapidly assimilated the principles of carpentry. At the age of seventeen years he found himself a fully qualified journeyman carpenter, and for the following nine years applied himself to his trade in various sections. In 1906, he located at Cincinnati, where he became superintendent for the Concrete Steel company, but after four years went to Detroit, Mich., where he was identified with the Toledo firm of A. Bentley & Sons, for whom he superintended the building of the H. A. Lozier plants. With this valuable experience behind him, he came to Dayton in 1909 and was variously occupied until May, 1916, when he became one of the organizers and vice-president of the Danis-Hunt Construction company, incorporated for $50,000, his associates being H. A. Kessler, president, and Benjamin G. Danis, secretary and manager. The plant and yards of the Danis-Hunt Construction company are located at Webb and First streets,

and are completely equipped in every particular to do a general construction business. The important part this company has taken in the upbuilding of Dayton since its inception may be seen in the following list of contracts fulfilled, which includes only some of its larger construction works: the Dayton Wright Airplane plant, Smith Gas Engineering plant, Studebaker garage on West Third street, Dicks-Pontius plant on Wayne avenue, F. D. Beaver factory building on East Second street, Dayton theater, Engineers club, Citizens Motor Car garage, City of Dayton Low Pressure Reservoir, Miami Conservatory Annex, Premium Rubber company plant, the mausoleum of E. A. Deeds, club house of the Miami Valley Golf club, W. A. Keyes mercantile building on North Main street, addition to the Y. W. C. A. building, Gem City Building & Loan company building, Hagerman garage on East Second street, Victoria theater, and the coal tipple for Hoeffler & Hoeffler. This company also erected the Domestic Foundry building at Moraine City, the Remy Electric company manufacturing plant at Anderson City, Ind., and the Hobart Manufacturing company's plant at Troy, Ohio. The company is a member of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Hunt, being an expert mechanic and well versed in all details pertaining to the business, has taken up each problem confronting the company in its turn, has worked it out, and has assisted materially in placing each contract upon a paying basis. A thoroughly capable man himself, he is a judge of good men and has surrounded himself and his associates with the best workmen that he could secure. A strict although just disciplinarian, his working organization operates with the smoothness of a well-oiled machine and produces genuine results for the company. Mr. Hunt is a member of the First Baptist church. He fraternizes with St. John's blue lodge of the Masonic order, and is a member of the Y. M. C. A. In 1901, he married Lula, daughter of Captain Alexander Hunt, of Yorktown, Va., and they have had two children: Philip, who is deceased, and Marguerite, who resides with her parents.

Orie H. Hutchings. During a period covering thirty years Orie H. Hutchings has been identified with the lighting business, and in this time has been connected with some of the important concerns of Dayton. He is one of the best known and most authoritatively informed men in his field of endeavor, and as associate general manager and engineer of the Dayton Power & Light company is recognized as a prominent figure in the industrial life of Dayton. Mr. Hutchings was born near Bellefontaine, Logan county, Ohio, July 2, 1870, a son of William Hutchings, and received his education in the public schools of Springfield, this state. He was duly graduated from the high school, and was only nineteen years of age when he became first identified with the business which he has made his life work. Three years later, in 1892, he came to Dayton and entered actively into the busy life of the city, establishing himself at once in the line in which he was to win prominence and position. His first connection was with the Dayton Electric Light company, in the employ of which concern he remained for a long period and in the service of which he won consistent advancement, until in 1906 he became superintendent and

engineer of the company. July 1, 1915, he became associate general manager and engineer of the Dayton Power & Light company, a position which he has retained to the present time. Mr. Hutchings occupies a prominent place in the profession of engineering and is identified with a number of the leading organizations thereof, including the Dayton Engineers' club, the American Institute of Engineers, the National Electric Light association, and the Ohio Electric Light association, of which he was formerly president. He belongs also to the Dayton City club and the Rotary club, and has been an active and contributing member of the Greater Dayton association and of the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Hutchings married Miss Ada May Berry, daughter of Joseph A. Berry, of Springfield, Ohio, and to this union there were born three children: Joseph Robert, deceased, was a member of the U. S. Aviation corps; and Mary Helen and Bessie Louise, who reside with their parents.

William H. Hyers. For more than forty-two years William H. Hyers has been identified with the business interests of Dayton and during more than thirty years of this period has been connected with the laundry industry. It has been largely through his ability and able management that there has been developed the great enterprise known as the Troy-Pearl Laundry company, of which he is at present vice-president, and which has grown and progressed under his watchful eye and fostering care. Mr. Hyers was born at Mechanisburg, Pa., June 4, 1840, and there secured his education in the public schools. As a young man he learned the drug business, which he followed in his native state for some years, both as clerk and proprietor, and it was in the latter capacity that he came to Dayton in 1877. He was successful in his operations, but after twelve years in the same line decided upon a change and accordingly sold his pharmacy and purchased an interest in the Troy Laundry company. This was the oldest Laundry in Dayton, having been founded in 1884, and had been formerly known as the Reed-Kelly company. The business grew and developed, but eventually there was decided upon a consolidation of the Troy Laundry with the Pearl-American Laundry, this resulting in the formation of the Troy-Pearl Laundry company, in February, 1905. The officers at that time were Thomas A. Selz, president; John A. Reed, vice-president; F. P. Gass, secretary; and W. H. Hyers, treasurer. The business was incorporated for $150,000, and the present building, at Nos. 10 to 32 W. Zeigler street, was erected, this large plant having 86,000 square feet of floor space, with the very latest modern laundry machinery installed. The business of the company is divided between a number of departments, which take care of hotel work, regular laundry work, family washing, towel supply work and dry cleaning, and for the last-named the company has a completely equipped dry cleaning plant. There are 175 people on the company's pay roll, and the wagons and automobiles in the concern's service travel over nineteen different routes. The present officers of the company are: Charles Selz, president and general manager; W. H. Hyers, vice-president, and W. L. Stonebarger, jr., secretary and treasurer. Mr. Hyers' record in commercial circles is an honorable one and his career has been characterized by straight-

forward dealing. He stands high in Masonry, having attained the Scottish Rite degree and being a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and his religious connection is with the Westminster Presbyterian church, of which he was formerly a member of the board of trustees. Mr. Hyers was married December 2, 1862, to Augusta C. Parkhill, of Harrisburg, Pa., and to this union four children were born: Frances V., who resides with her parents; M. Belle, the wife of Charles Slagle, of Dayton; Fred P., also of this city, and Perry F., deceased.

William Benjamin Iddings, now deceased, an attorney of the Dayton bar, whose career brought him reputation as a man of scrupulous honor. He was born at Dayton, Ohio, February 21, 1855, a son of Daniel Wilkinson and Maria Rebecca (Atkins) Iddings. Daniel W. Iddings was born north of Dayton, in Montgomery county, Ohio, and he, too, was a lawyer engaged in active practice at Dayton. A man of unusual mentality, he not only became prominent in his profession, but also attained to civic honors, and held several offices under the city government. His wife was a daughter of William Atkins, and she was born at Dayton. Her death occured in March, 1912. Daniel W. Iddings is also deceased. After attending the Dayton public schools, William B. Iddings took the full legal course at the Albany Law school, from which he was graduated in 1876. Returning to the city of his nativity, Mr. Iddings engaged in practice with his father and his brother, Charles D. Iddings, and this association continued until the death of the father, when the brothers became co-partners. After some years together, they dissolved their connection and each conducted a separate practice. A man of unflinching principles, Mr. Iddings believed in and supported the Republican party, but never aspired to public honors. He was a member of the Third Street Presbyterian church of Dayton, and he was also a Mason. The useful life of this excellent man terminated with his death August 12, 1917. April 15, 1903, Mr. Iddings was united in marriage with Miss Mary Van Ausdal, a daughter of Isaac and Mary C. (Roberts) Van Ausdal of Dayton, Ohio.

Clarence A. Ihle, M. D. Prominent rank in the medical profession has long distinguished the practitioners who have centered their activities at Dayton, and the fraternity here numbers among its members many whose achievements have attracted something more than mere local attention. Among the thoroughly skilled, ambitious, alert and excellently trained physicians who, during recent years, have taken advantage of the opportunities offered in this city for professional advancement and thereby have attained a large measure of success, is Dr. Clarence A. Ihle. Doctor Ihle has been a resident of this city for only a short time, having arrived in Dayton in 1917, but already has done much to strengthen the reputation which he established during a long period of practice at Cincinnati. Clarence A. Ihle was born at Pomeroy, Ohio, July 4, 1878, and early gave evidence of the possession of a nature that drew him toward a professional career. His early education came from the public schools of his native place, and after some preliminary preparation, he matriculated at the University of Cincinnati medical department, being duly graduated with the class of

1902, when he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine. Following his graduation, the young physician took up his work in one of the most valuable training grounds that could be found for the ambitious devotee of medicine desirous of gaining a quick and practical insight into his profession, and at the same time one of the hardest and most exhausting from a physical standpoint, the mining districts of Pennsylvania. Doctor Ihle was located at Fayette City, in that state, and his practice was large, his service illy paid—sometimes not at all—and the work of the hardest kind. Still, it furnished the most comprehensive training that could be obtained, and at first hand, and the experience was invaluable to him. When he left that community it was to go to Cincinnati, where he formed a professional partnership with Dr. M. L. Heidingsfeld, with whom he was associated for thirteen and one-half years, or until June 1, 1917, when he came to Dayton and opened offices at 620 Reibold building. He has since specialized in diseases of the skin, a field of practice in which he is a recognized authority, and the practice which he has succeeded in building up has been a most satisfactory, remunerative and gratifying one. Although vitally interested in all that pertains to modern progress along every line and carefully watchful of the events which, at the present day, are history making, his profession demands so much of his attention that he has little time for politics. He is a member of the Montgomery County Medical society, the Ohio State Medical society and the American Medical association, and has an excellent standing in the estimation and friendship of his fellow practitioners.

Edwin H. Ingle. During the past ten years one of the big business enterprises of Dayton which has enjoyed a steady and continuous growth has been what is known as the Ingle Systems company, which controls the Insurance Credit System company and the Economy Mutual Casualty company. This business has been built up to large proportions through the ability and energies of several men of more than passing capacity, among whom is Edwin H. Ingle, one of the founders of the business and its present vice-president. Mr. Ingle is a product of the agricultural community of Montgomery county, having been born on a farm near Troy, Ohio, May 10, 1885, a son of James W. and Mary Elizabeth (Snyder) Ingle, the father born near Woodburn and the latter near Piqua, this state. James W. Ingle was originally a farmer, but in his later years embarked in a retail business at Troy, later moving to Kentucky, where he re-entered mercantile lines at Ingle and for some years officiated as postmaster, but is now retired from active pursuits and he and Mrs. Ingle make their home at Dayton. Edwin H. Ingle received a public school education, and was reared on his father's farm in the Troy neighborhood. When he left the parental roof it was to come to the locality of Dayton, where he also worked on a farm, leaving it to become a clerk in a retail store at Dayton. Following this, in association with his brother, D. F. Ingle, he started a grocery at No. 128 S. Ludlow street, later removing to Fifth and Miami streets. The success of this venture encouraged the brothers to enter business on a broader scale, and in June, 1909, they disposed of their grocery interests and established the Ingle

systems company, which was incorporated for $75,000, with D. F. Ingle, president; George Gerdes, vice-president, and E. H. Ingle, secretary and treasurer. The business was located on East Fifth street, for the manufacture of a system to handle credit accounts for retailers. In 1911 the capital stock was advanced to $150,000, with J. A. Kidwell as president; D. F. Ingle, vice-president; E. H. Ingle, secretary, and Joseph Brinkman, treasurer, and the concern occupied its new quarters in the Columbia Insurance building, at the corner of Jefferson and Second streets. In 1915 E. H. Ingle became president; J. W. Blakeney, vice-president; J. H. Schierloh, secretary, and James Brookman, treasurer. In November, 1918, the business style was changed to the Insurance Credit System company, and the following officers were elected: William Pflum, president; E. H. Ingle, vice-president, and J. H. Schierloh, secretary and treasurer, as at present. Mr. Ingle is a business man of the younger generation whose advancement has been steady and whose achievements have been creditable, entitling him in full to the confidence in which he is held. He possesses the ability to judge accurately and to act quickly in matters of business importance, making his work of particular value to his firm. His business claims his chief interest, although he has several civic and social connections and is a member of Stillwater Masonic Lodge, No. 616. October 14, 1909, Mr. Ingle was married to Miss Goldie May Reynolds, daughter of John Reynolds, of Dayton, and they have one daughter, Dorothy Genevieve, who is attending school.

Max L. Israel. One of the business houses of Dayton, which for more than thirty-five years has maintained a reputation for integrity, is that of Israel Brothers Iron and Metal company. During this period its policies and activities have been directed and managed by members of the family, son succeeding father, and among those of the second generation whose business lives have been dedicated to its service is Max L. Israel, who at this time occupies the dual position of secretary and general manager. Mr. Israel was born in Prussia, Germany, April 5, 1874, a son of Benjamin and Bertha (Benjamin) Israel. Benjamin Israel came to the United States with his family in 1880 and immediately located at Dayton, where he secured employment in the shops of the Barney & Smith car works. Four years later he founded the present business, which was started as a private concern at Third and Detroit streets. When the present business was incorporated in 1906 he was made president, his son, Herman, becoming secretary and treasurer, and Max L., vice-president and manager. It was capitalized at $75,000, and engaged in the handling of scrap iron and metals, machinery and builders' supplies. At the death of Benjamin Israel, in 1915, Herman became president; Max L. remained as vice-president and secretary, and David Israel became general manager. In that year the present modern plant was erected at No. 112 Detroit street, and fully equipped with the latest machinery, including derricks, shears, magnets, locomotives, two cranes, and five trucks, the business requiring the use of 150 cars each month. An annual business of $1,000,000 is done, and fifty people are given regular employment. Benjamin Israel, who died March 2, 1915, was a mem-

ber of the Jefferson street synagogue, and belonged to the Knights and Ladies of Honor. He was held in high esteem both by his associates and competitors. His widow survives him. They were the parents of the following children: Herman, Dora, the widow of the late Max Lewin, of Chicago, Ill.; Max L., Minnie, wife of Jacob Haas, of Dayton; David, Rose, widow of Paul Herman, of Dayton; William and Harry, who reside with their mother. Max L. Israel was but six years of age when brought by his parents to Dayton, and his education was secured in the public schools of this city. Immediately upon the completion of his studies, he entered the business with his father, learning it in all its details. He is an energetic business man who has a wide acquaintance among the trade, where he is esteemed as a representative of a reputable house. He belongs to the United Commercial Travelers, the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Chamber of Commerce, where he is a member of the traffic committee. With his family, he belongs to the Jefferson street synagogue, of which he is one of the directing board. January 10, 1900, Mr. Israel married Gussie, daughter of Isaac and Minnie Wolff, of Athens, Ga. To them have been born two children: Arnold and Marguerite, residing with their parents.

Charles S. Jackson. One of the old-established and universally honored business houses of Dayton is that which at this time bears the name of Jackson & Whitmer. This funeral directing concern was established as early as 1904, although it has borne its present title only since 1913, and during the entire period of its existence has maintained a reputation for reliable and trustworthy service which has served to place it high in public confidence and esteem. Charles S. Jackson, the senior partner of this concern, and a well-known and highly respected citizen of Dayton, was born in this city, June 1, 1872, a son of John and Eleanor (Haller) Jackson, agricultural people of the vicinity of Dayton, both of whom are now deceased. The public schools of the Gem City furnished Charles S. Jackson with his educational training, following which he accepted employment on the city street car lines, and later made removal to Arcanum, Ohio. There, while working in a furniture establishment, he obtained his introduction to the funeral directing business, and, becoming interested therein, took it up as a study. When he had become properly qualified for this vocation, he came to Dayton and in 1907 purchased the interest of Lee Austin in the funeral directing business of Austin & Morris, which had been founded three years before. The firm of Morris & Jackson, as it was known, continued until 1913, when Mr. Whitmer bought the interest of Mr. Morris, and since then the business has continued with much success as Jackson & Whitmer, undertakers, embalmers and funeral directors. The company maintains a chapel, large display rooms and tastefully equipped offices, and also has a morgue, the business being located at No. 1802 East Third street. The equipment is modern in every department, and motor service is complete and thorough, including a motor ambulance. As a business man Mr. Jackson is rated high by his associates, who have found him reliable in engagements and true to his contracts. He

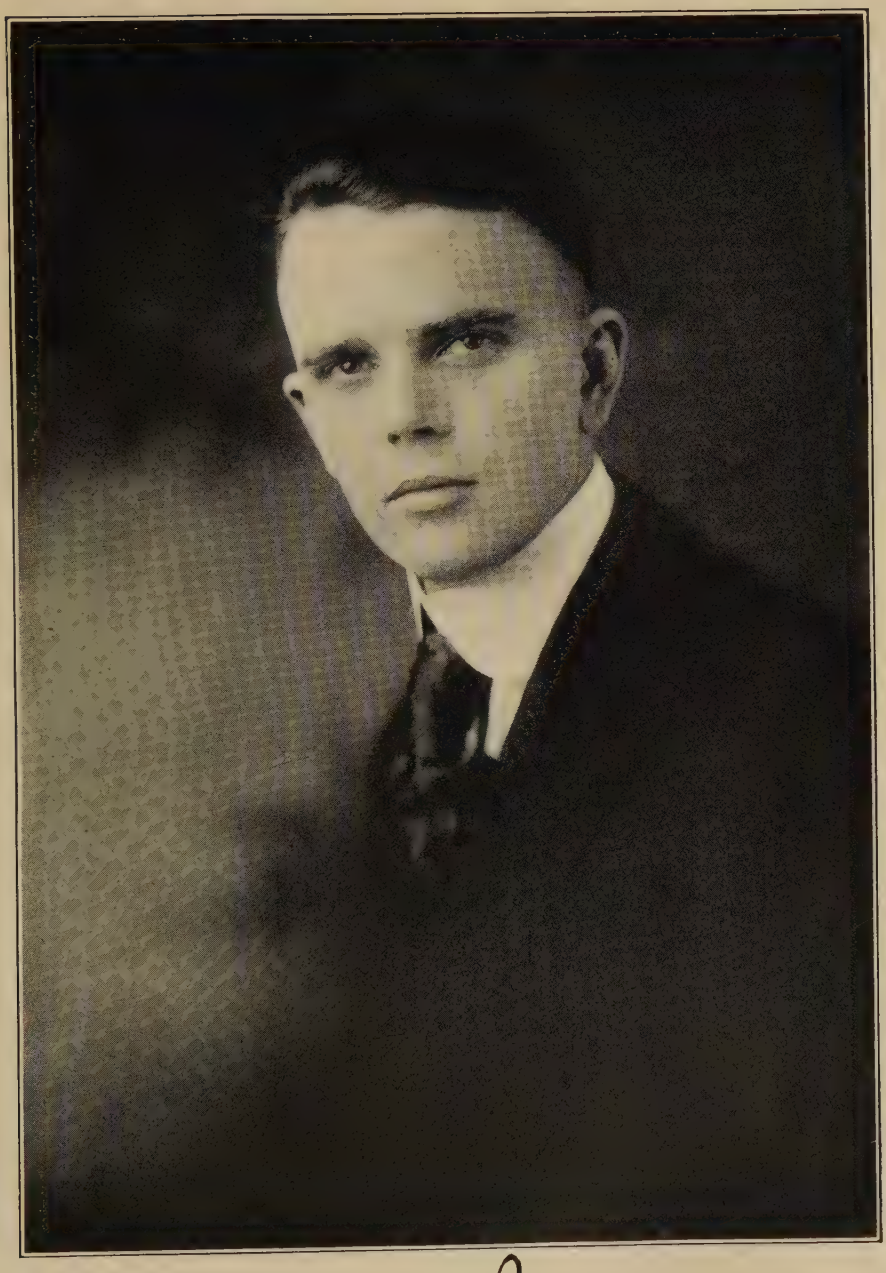
and his family are consistent members of the Memorial Presbyterian church, and as a fraternalist he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. Mr. Jackson married Mary, daughter of Joseph Dille, of Dayton, and they are the parents of two children, who reside at home and are attending the Dayton public schools, namely: Helen and Ralph B.

Charles C. James. When Charles C. James entered upon his business career at Dayton, in 1913, his available assets included little more than his own determination, ability and resource, and these have elevated him to a place of substantiality among the younger element of business men of Dayton. Mr. James is a native of Dayton, born May 26, 1885. His father, the late Charles W. James, was well known in business circles for a number of years, having been general manager of the Recording & Computing Machine company, and in his death the city lost a substantial and honorable man of business and one who was highly esteemed by his associates. Charles C. James attended the public schools of Dayton, completing his education at the Steele High school, and began his career as an employee of E. H. Coe, in the insurance business. The sale of insurance, however, did not appeal to the youth, who left Mr. Coe's employ to enter the service of the National Cash Register company, and for four years was engaged as a salesman for that concern. During this time he came in contact in a business way with a number of manufacturers, and gradually evolved the idea of becoming a manufacturers' agent. Accordingly, he resigned his position and opened an office of his own, subsequently taking as a partner Charles B. Mead. About one year later Mr. Mead left the firm and September 1, 1915, Roy B. Cassingham became a partner, and since that time these two have conducted a general brokerage and manufacturers' agency business, with offices at 1181 and 1182 Reibold building. Under enthusiastic, zealous and well-directed management, the business has grown and prospered and at present the following firms are represented by the partnership: Cleveland Brass and Copper mills, Dahlstrom Metallic Door company, International Casement company, Wells-Moore Manufacturing company, Edward Shannon company and the B. M. Gardner company, all large and well-known concerns. Mr. James' career has but started, yet it has already shown his possession of the characteristics that go to make for success in business life. Thus far Mr. James, has had few aspirations beyond those connected with his business, and has taken little or no part in political affairs, although a good citizen and supporter of movements promoted for the general welfare. His fraternal affiliations are limited to membership in the Masonic Blue lodge, and he also belongs to the Dayton Kennel club and the Dayton City club. June 28, 1916, Mr. James was united in marriage with Fay Snyder, daughter of Harry Snyder, of Dayton.

Harry P. James. Practically from the time that he attained his majority, Harry P. James has been connected with the public service at Dayton, where his record is one that will stand the most rigid inspection. Mr. James' long and faithful service as a member of the Dayton fire department gave him experience of a varied

and important character, and in 1915 his appointment as director of the department of public safety placed a man in that office whose ability, courage and resource had been proven on numerous occasions and who possessed the executive capacity to handle the important and diversified matters pertaining in an efficient way. Subsequent occurrences have shown that the choice was a wise and happy one. Mr. James has passed his entire life at Dayton and is essentially a product of an enterprising and ambitious city. He was born here, October 20, 1875, a son of Wayland P. James, and his education was secured in the public schools. After the completion of his studies, he immediately began to be self-suporting and for several years was variously employed, finally becoming a member of the city fire department at about the time he entered man's estate. His rise in the department was rapid, his coolness, courage and able discharge of his duties securing for him frequent promotions, and when he was but twenty-four years of age he held the rank of captain, being in charge of the Main street engine house. Still further advancement awaited him, as he was later made assistant chief of the department, and this was his position when, May 1, 1915, he was selected as director of the department of public safety for Dayton. There has been no reason for a change in this office. Indeed, on numerous occasions the citizens of this city have expressed themselves as gratified with his masterly handling of affairs, and his efficiency has apparently increased under the added pressure of duties and responsibilities during the recent and present agitation of the city for further growth and prestige. Few men in the public service are more popular or have a wider circle of friends and acquaintances among prominent citizens. Mr. James stands high in Masonry, having attained the thirty-second degree, and is a Shriner and a member of the K. P. and the Order of Elks. He was married at Dayton to Miss Carrie Lee, daughter of Levi Lee, of this city, and they have one daughter, Elsie Lee James.

Edmund B. John. During recent years one of the men of the younger generation who has come prominently to the forefront in Dayton's business circles is Edmund B. John, secretary and treasurer of the Central Tool and Die company. Mr. John was born at Dayton, November 9, 1894, a son of Oswald John. His father was born near Potsdam, Germany, and as a young man came to the United States and located at Dayton, where he secured employment as a pattern-maker. For many years he was identified with the National Cash Register company, being known as one of that concern's reliable and competent workmen, and still held a position with them at the time of his death, in 1913. Edmund B. John attended the graded schools, the Stivers high school and the continuation school and his first employment was with the National Cash Register company, where for four years he was employed in the model department. Having learned the tool-maker's trade, he was subsequently employed by the Carroll Engineering company and the Miami Tool and Die company, and September 21, 1916, became one of the founders of the Central Tool and Die company. This concern was established for the manufacture of tools, dies, jigs and special machinery, and fifty people are employed in the



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plant, situated at Third and Madison streets, whence it was removed from No. 8 North Canal street, in April, 1918. The business is incorporated for $75,000, and the present officers are in charge: J. D. Baughman, president and general manager; E. H. Pressler, vice-president; Edmund B. John, secretary and treasurer, and J. R. Baughman and R. A. Baughman, directors. The business has shown a healthy growth from the start, and much of the credit for its development can be traced to Mr. John's efficient and energetic work, his thorough knowledge of the business, and his executive capacity. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Dayton Turners, and his religious connection is with the Second Reformed church. Mr. John was married March 29, 1919, to Miss Marie Lindsay of Canton, Ohio.

Robert T. Johnson. It is given to some men to rise above their associates, for they possess in a phenomenal degree those characteristics which make for success. Their handling of affairs is so masterly that their onward progress is steady and they make successful all enterprises with which they are connected. Few men are better known to the lumber trade of the Miami valley than is Robert T. Johnson, president of the Kuntz-Johnson company, of Dayton, who started on his wage-earning career at the age of fifteen years in a humble capacity and has steadily worked his way up to the leadership of a large and important corporation. Mr. Johnson is Irish by nativity, born in County Tyrone, January 12, 1845, a son of George Johnson. He was but five years of age when brought to the United States, and his education was secured in the public schools of Springfield, Ohio. In that city he secured his first position, when he was fifteen years of age, going to work for the United States Express company. In 1864, when he was nineteen years old, he was sent by this company to Dayton, but remained at that time in this city only until March 25, 1865, when he went to Union City, Ind., as express agent. Later he took the agency of the Dayton & Union City railway at that place, and subsequently became agent for the Big Four. When the Dayton & Union City and Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland & St. Louis railways were combined at that point, Mr. Johnson took the agency, which he conducted until 1877. In that year he went to Greenville, Ohio, for the same companies, but in 1881 returned to Union City, and two years later came to Dayton to embark in the lumber business, as Kuntz & Johnson. This business proved a success under the energetic directorship and good management of the partners, and the business was eventually incorporated for $25,000 as the Kuntz-Johnson company, with the following officers: Robert T. Johnson, president; H. C. Harman, vice-president; John Westfall, secretary and treasurer, and Archie E. Johnson, assistant secretary. The company deals in wholesale and retail lumber and each year show a healthy increase in its sales. Mr. Johnson has other interests and is a director of the Homestead Building and Loan company of Dayton. He has found the time, inclination and opportunity to serve his city in various capacities, having been a member of the city council for two years, during which time he worked earnestly in behalf of constructive movements and gave his constituents and his city the benefit of

his inherent capacity and ripened abilities. For a time he also served as president of the local Y. M. C. A., of which he is still a member, and various worthy civic movements have found in him a staunch friend. He belongs to the Present Day club and is a Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner, and his religious connection is with the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a member of the board of trustees. Mr. Johnson was married February 22, 1865, to Miss C. Elmira Lenox, of Union City, Ind., who died June 26, 1914. October 28, 1916, he was united with Mrs. Emma Brewer, of Greenville, Ohio.

Julius V. Jones, a member of the Dayton bar, is by birth, nurture and education a son of the middle west. He bears a name that has long been prominent in the profession of law, for his father became a member of the fraternity at Dayton as early as 1876 and was engaged in practice here for nearly thirty years, while the younger man's connection with the profession has already extended over a period of fifteen years. Mr. Jones during his career has been connected with several important concerns, but at present is engaged in practice alone. His connection with various cases of importance has made him a familiar figure in the courts of the state and his success has given him a position among the leading practitioners of his day. He was born at Dayton, September 11, 1881, a son of Walter D. Jones. The father was a product of the agricultural community in the neighborhood of West Milton, Miami county, Ohio, coming of a family whose chief occupation had been the tilling of the soil, but the life of a farmer held out no attractions to him and he decided upon a professional career. After attending the public schools, he entered Spiceland academy, and subsequently took a course at Earlham college, Richmond, Ind., from which he was duly graduated. His studies were completed in the law department of the University of Michigan, and in 1876 he came to Dayton and entered the active practice of his calling, in which he continued with marked success until shortly before his death, July 5, 1905. During his day he was known as one of his city's brilliant legal lights and he is still remembered by many of the older members of the bar as an astute and accomplished attorney and a man of the highest honor and strictest integrity. Julius V. Jones attended the public schools of Dayton and early evidenced the fact that he had inherited some of the parental inclinations toward the law. His preparatory studies were prosecuted at the Ohio Northern university, Ada, Ohio, following which he entered the Cincinnati Law school, and was duly graduated with the class of 1903 after a creditable college career. To further prepare himself he read law for a time in the office of Judge O. B. Brown, and following his admission to the bar in December, 1903, engaged in practice independently. He then formed a connection with Judge H. N. Routzohn, was later with Judge Harlan, which continued until Mr. Harlan became assistant prosecuting attorney, which partnership was re-established January 1, 1918, as Jones & Harlan. His business is general in its nature and includes practice in all the courts, and in a city singularly prolific in legal talent of the first class, his success has been such as to gain him marked recognition

in his calling. His offices are located at No. 504 Schwind building. Mr. Jones belongs to the Montgomery County Bar association and the Ohio State Bar association and is a strict disciple of the profession's time-honored standard of ethics. While he has not been a politician nor an office seeker, he has frequently been identified with constructive movements of a civic character, and his friendship for higher standards of education led him to represent the third ward as a member of the board of education, of which he was also president for one term.

Lee A. Jones. Among the more recently organized manufacturing concerns of Dayton, one which has enjoyed a continuous and healthy growth during the comparatively short period of its existence is the enterprise being operated under the style of the Vulcan Tool company. Since 1917 this business has had the benefit of the directing management of Lee A. Jones, in the presidential capacity, and this official's skill and good judgment have combined to give the concern success and prestige. Mr. Jones is a native of Ohio, having been born on a farm in Fayette county, October 5, 1876, and grew up in his home neighborhood, where he early displayed a skill for mechanical work and a liking for the handling of tools. His boyhood was passed in attending the district schools of Fayette county, but he did not deem this education sufficient, and accordingly further prepared himself for his struggle with the world by a course of attendance at a night school. It was not until March, 1903, that he came to settle permanently at Dayton. Prior to this he had had some experience of a mechanical character, and this enabled him to secure a position as toolmaker in the employ and big factory of the National Cash Register company. His ability and industry enabled him to gain promotion as job foreman in the toolroom of that concern, and later on became connected with the Delco as foreman of the tool room for a period of two years. Later he was connected with the Gem City Machine company, being superintendent five years. The well-known saying has it that opportunity in one or another guise knocks one time upon each man's door. If he does not heed the knock he loses his chance for success. Mr. Jones was eagerly awaiting the summons when it came, this being in the opportunity to buy the controlling interest in the Vulcan Tool company, a concern which had been established in 1916 by Lawrence George and William Hobstedder, with H. P. Williams as a co-partnership. The business had been established at 418 E. First street, for the manufacture of tools, dies, jigs, fixtures and gauges, but the business had not been satisfactory, and it was thereupon thrown upon the market. This was the kind of enterprise for which Mr. Jones had been seeking for several years, and he became its owner by purchase June 21, 1917. Not long thereafter the business was incorporated for $10,000, with Mr. Jones, president and treasurer, and C. D. Heald, secretary, and the business has continued to prosper and develop. During the war period the company was engaged 100 per cent in war work, principally of a commercial nature, in the manufacture of automobile tools. The plant has 60,000 square feet of floor space, and thirty people are given employment. Mr. Jones has prestige in business circles as

a capable and energetic man, with ideas and resource. He is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner, and belongs to Iola Lodge of the K. P., to the Dayton Engineers' club and to the Y. M. C. A. With his family, he belongs to the Fourth United Brethren church. Mr. Jones was married November 26, 1902, to Miss Catherine Welsh, daughter of Michael Welsh, of Springfield, Ohio, and they are the parents of one son: Warren O., who is attending the Dayton public schools.

Otto W. Kehm. Among the successful business enterprises of Dayton there are to be found a number which were established by the fathers of the present owners and have passed into the hands of the sons, the same high standard and business principles being maintained by both generations. In this category is found what is known as Kehm's Walkover Boot shop, which is now owned by Otto W. Kehm, but which was established in 1863 by the present proprietor's father, William Kehm. William Kehm was born in Germany and there educated, and as a young man emigrated to the United States, where, at Dayton, he founded the present business, then known as William Kehm, Shoes, on South Jefferson street. As he prospered and his business grew, he moved to Fifth street, and eventually to 39 S. Main street, the present location, adopting the name of Kehm's Walkover Boot shop. He continued to be identified with this business as its active manager until his death, about 1907. He was a business man of the strictest integrity, who was honored and esteemed by associates and competitors alike, and was a faithful member of the Third German Lutheran church, and fraternized with the Knights of Pythias. He married Phillipina, daughter of Christ Dennewitz, of Dayton. Otto W. Kehm was born at Dayton, February 16, 1876, and received his education in the public schools. As a youth he was given his introduction to business affairs in the establishment of his father, and in 1899 was admitted to partnership in the business, to the ownership of which he succeeded at the time of his father's death. He employs twelve people and maintains his own repair shop, utilizing 3,600 square feet of floor space in his establisment, where are handled Walkover shoes, party slippers and Phoenix, Onyx and Gordon hose. His business connections, reputation and methods are of the highest and the policy which he has followed in conducting his enterprise has been such as to hold old friends and to continually make new ones. He is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner, holds membership in the Kiwanis club and belongs to Christ Episcopal church. Mr. Kehm was married July 15, 1899, to Gertrude, daughter of William Bimel, of Sidney, Ohio, and they have two children: Phyllis W. and William B., both residing with their parents.

Clarence Keifer. In the selection of their officials the large financial concerns of the country employ the utmost caution and careful judgment, the requisites for such identification being substantial financial and business ability, absolute rectitude of character and a broad experience of the world and men. All of these qualities are found in the personality of Clarence Keifer, treasurer of the American Finance and Investment company, of Dayton. Mr.

Keifer was born at Dayton, August 10, 1868, and secured his early education in the public schools. His first employment was with the Terry Shroyer Tobacco company, and from that concern he went to the City National bank. It would seem that even at that early time he had developed ability sufficient to impress itself upon his employers and associates, for he soon rose from bank messenger to teller, then to exchange clerk, subsequently to bookkeeper, and finally to vice-president. This latter position he resigned in 1919 to become treasurer of the American Finance and Investment company. This concern was incorporated June 18, 1919, for $500,000, with the following officials: C. W. Hoffritz, president; L. W. James, vice-president; H. A. Estabrook, secretary; and Clarence Keifer, treasurer. Mr. Keifer is not only prominent in financial and business affairs because of his connection with this concern, but because of his identification with other large enterprises, he being a director of the West Carrollton bank, the S. T. & G. A. Gebhart company, the Republic Motor Truck company, the C. W. Hoffritz Sales company and the Gem City Taxi company, as well as the American Finance & Investment company. He holds membership in the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, is a Mason and a Pythian, and belongs to the Dayton club and the Miami Valley Golf club. May 17, 1893, Mr. Keifer married Miss Eva Crume, of Eaton, Ohio, and they have two children: Dorothy and Crume, both of whom reside with their parents.

George E. Keller. Within the short period of time that has passed since its establishment, in May, 1916, the Miami Tool & Die company has made rapid strides among Dayton manufacturing concerns. At the head of which business since its inception has been George E. Keller, in whose mind evolved the plans for its organization, and whose hand has guided it steadily and unerringly to recognition and prosperity. Mr. Keller was born at Dayton, January 13, 1877, a son of Amer M. and Mary P. (Seng) Keller. His father, a native of Cumberland, Md., came to Dayton in 1868 and for some years was a detective in the Dayton police department. He is now deceased, but his widow, a native of Dayton, continues to make her home in that city. George E. Keller, after attending the public schols, entered St. Mary's college, and was duly graduated therefrom with the class of 1891. His first employment was in Burkett's dry goods store, following which he was engaged by Crowley & Steward, plumbers, as a bookkeeper, and next entered the treasurer's department of the National Cash Register company. This was followed by a period of employment with M. J. Schwab, and it was while there that he completed the plans, long conceived, for the formation of what is now the Miami Tool & Die company. May 1, 1916, this concern was launched in the Pryor building on South Ludlow street, the inceptors being George E. Keller, president; C. B. Wheeler, vice-president, and Roland McKee, secretary. The business was incorporated for $10,000, to manufacture tools, jigs, dies and fixtures. Just how rapid was the growth of this enterprise may be known from the fact that July 1, 1917, the concern built its building at the corner of St. Paul and Huffman streets, a structure 72x110 feet, and an addition 72x30 feet. In October, 1917,

a reorganization of the company was effected, when it was incorporated for $100,000, ten times its original capital, with the following officers: George E. Keller, president; Albert Pretzinger, vice-president; and A. F. Diers, secretary and treasurer. Seventy-five mechanics are now given employment in the modern plant. During the war period this company was engaged to its fullest capacity in manufacturng supplies for the United States Government. Among their products were a 12-inch elevation quadrant for railway gun mounts, special tools for air service production, gun mounts for aeroplanes, etc. Mr. Keller's advancement in the business world has been one accomplished through strictly legitimate methods, and like other public-spirited business men, he has a number of civic connections which place him in a position to assist his city in a constructive way. His religious connection is with Holy Angels Catholic church, and fraternally he holds membership in the Knights of Columbus. February 20, 1900, Mr. Keller was married to Ella M. Reichman, daughter of Julius Reichman, of Dayton, and they are the parents of three children: Mary Ellen, a graduate of Notre Dame, class of 1919; Anna Lou and Doris Eugenie.

Seymour B. Kelly. Clearly defined purpose will eventuate in the attainment of a due measure of success. The qualities which have made Seymour B. Kelly one of the successful realty dealers of Dayton have also brought him the confidence of those whom he has met in the business world, for his career, has been one in which none but honorable and straightforward transactions have had a place. Mr. Kelly was born at Lewisburg, Preble county, Ohio, December 28, 1863, a son of Samuel and Eleanora (Burns) Kelly, natives of Montgomery county and both now deceased. His father, who came to Dayton in 1870, was the owner of an extensive nursery business, and was a man highly respected in commercial circles and as a loyal citizen. Seymour B. Kelly was seven years of age when brought to Dayton and here his early education was secured in the public schools. Following this he attended Otterbein university, from which he was graduated with the class of 1886, and his first business experience was as traveling salesman for a large Dayton house. Later he entered the employ of the National Cash Register company, and for ten years traveled extensively for that great industry as its representative, resigning in 1900 when he was ready to enter business on his own account. For some time it had been Mr. Kelly's belief that Dayton land and property in the surrounding country was a "good buy," for he foresaw the future and the advance in values which was bound to come to this fast-growing community. In January, 1904, after four years spent in individual operations which strengthened his faith, he founded the firm of Seymour B. Kelly & company, in partnership with J. M. Koontz and Samuel Kelly, the latter an attorney. From that time to the present the firm has grown in prominence and has steadily increased the scope of its operations, and now the leading concern handles city, suburban and farm property, and for fourteen years it has had charge of the Conover building owned by the Taft estate, located at the corner of Main and Third streets, and the headquarters of

the company are located on the thirteenth floor of this structure. Mr. Kelly has been identified with some important realty deals, one of which was the organizing of the Edgemont Realty company, for the reclaiming of land in Edgemont, now a charming residential section in the suburbs of Dayton. Mr. Kelly, like other farsighted men of good judgment realizes that the time has gone by when the real estate profession can profitably be made a refuge for illiterate men and those who have failed in other lines of work. Mr. Kelly belongs to the Dayton Real Estate association. He has always been one of the most enthusiastic promoters of Dayton's civic interests, was one of the organizers and the first secretary of the Booster club, and now is actively assisting in the movements being carried on by the Greater Dayton association and the Dayton Rotary club. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, the Masons and the Shrine, and also belongs to the U. T. C. Mr. Kelly was married in August, 1886, to Miss Dot Wilcox, daughter of Henry Wilcox, of Westerville, Ohio, and they have one son: Samuel, who is a well-known young Dayton attorney.

The Charles M. Kelso Company has added materially to the industrial precedence of the city of Dayton and has developed a large and important general engineering business and incidental construction of machinery, the offices of the company being at 1063 Reibold building. The business was founded on the 6th of August, 1913, by Charles M. Kelso, who has continuously remained as the executive head. In August, 1917, to meet the exigent demands of the constantly expanding business, the incorporation of the Charles M. Kelso company was effected, with a capital stock of $25,000, this being increased to $50,000 in October, 1919. The personnel of the official corps is as here noted; Charles M. Kelso, president; F. P. Steele, vice-president; and J. C. Matthieu, secretary. The company's business has been extended in the states of Ohio, Indiana and New York, and has included the engineering problems and installation of electrical systems, power plants, factory equipment, etc. The service of the company has provided the water system of the Pennsylvania railroad in Indiana, government work at Wilbur Wright field of aeronautics, the water system for South Charleston, Ohio, the plant of the Oakwood Water & Light company, the water and sewer systems of the Montgomery Tuberculosis hospital, and other important contracts, the reputation established by the company constituting its best business asset.

Charles M. Kelso was born at Xenia, Green county, Ohio, August 31, 1876, and after completing the curriculum of the public schools he took a course in the Miami Commercial college, at Dayton, as did he later in Washington and Jefferson college. He then took a position with what is now the Platt Iron works, at Dayton, and with this corporation he continued his alliance until 1913, his service having been given in the capacity of sales manager. In the year last mentioned he establised the substantial business of which he has since been the executive head, the company of which he is president maintaining a branch office at Utica, N. Y. Mr. Kelso is one of the alert and emphatically loyal business men of Dayton and is always ready to lend his influence and co-operation in the

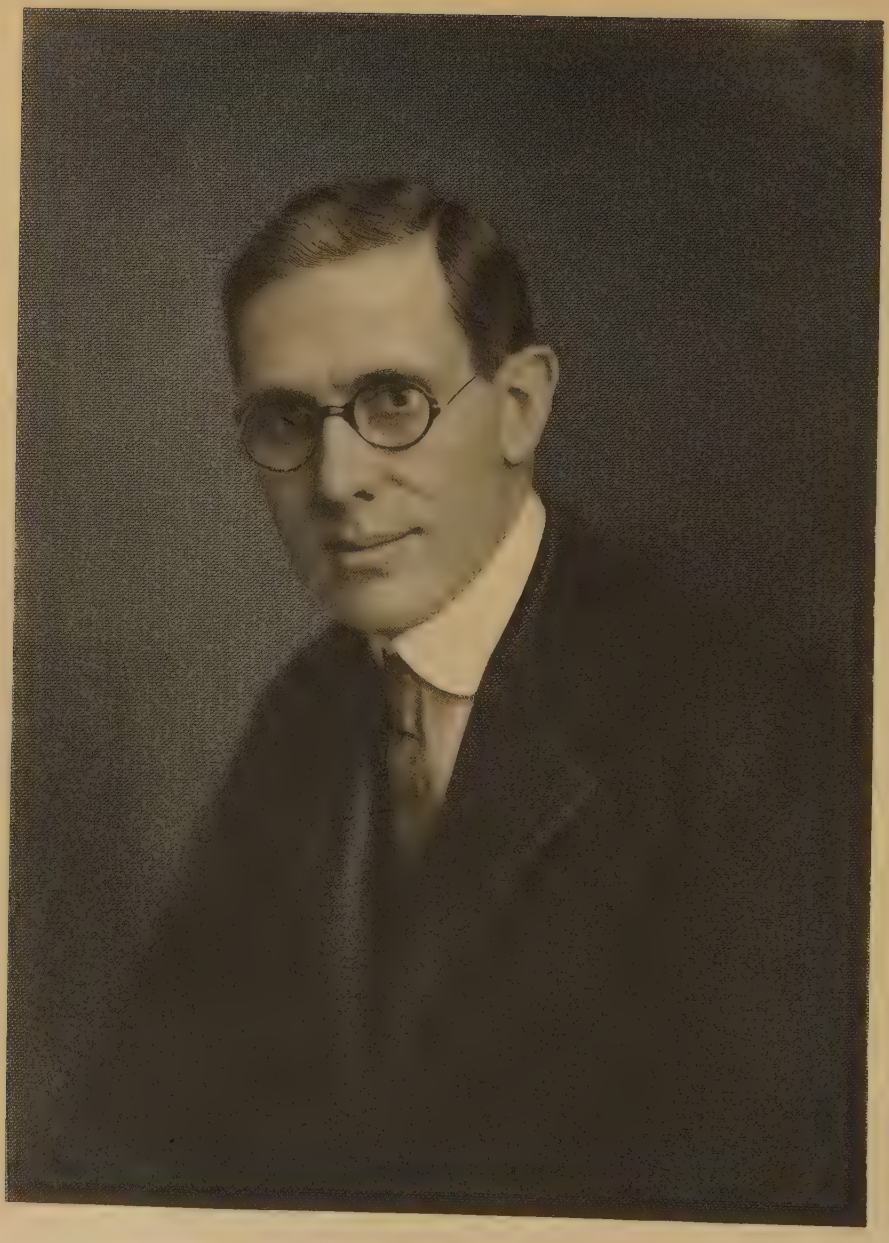
furtherance of measures and enterprises tending to advance the best interests of his home city. He holds membership in the Dayton club, the Engineers' club, The Dayton Chamber of Commerce, the Local Y. M. C. A. and the Miami Valley Golf club. On the 25th of December, 1906, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Kelso to Miss Belle Stewart, daughter of D. M. Stewart, of Xenia, Ohio, and the one child of this union is Mary Stewart Kelso.

Grafton Claggett Kennedy. The late Grafton Claggett Kennedy belonged to the class of lawyers who gave Dayton a standing at the national bar, and for twenty-eight years his profession felt the beneficial influence of his acts and service. He was also liberal in the donations of his energy, ability and wise counsel to the uplifting forces of education and religion, and showed his faith in the city both by the enthusiasm and firmness of his spirit and by the multitude of his good works. At the time of his death, January 10, 1909, he had been a member for some years of the firm of Kennedy, Munger & Kennedy, and his long residence at Dayton had brought him so close to the bench and bar of the city that the fraternity had considered him one of their valued and beloved members. His death, which occurred in his fiftieth year, and in the mature stalwartness of his vigorous mind and great heart, came to them as a most sudden and deep shock, and, from the human standpoint, a deplorable act of Providence. Mr. Kennedy was born on a farm in Harrison township, Montgomery county, Ohio, March 11, 1859, a son of Joseph and Anne Catherine (Claggett) Kennedy. His father was born August 7, 1826, in the same community, and, with the exception of a few years spent as a telegraph operator at Fort Wayne, Ind., passed his life as a farmer. He was a Republican in politics, and in religion was a Presbyterian, as was also Mrs. Kennedy, who was a native of Frederickstown, Md. The Kennedy family was founded in Montgomery country in 1805, in which year Joseph Kennedy, the grandfather of Grafton C., purchased the homestead place in Harrison township. After attending the public schools of Dayton, Grafton C. Kennedy entered Wittenberg college, Springfield, Ohio, from which he was graduated in 1879 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Later Wittenberg gave him the M. A. degree. He subsequently studied law with Warren C. Munger, and after his admission to the bar in 1881 became his preceptor's partner, this association continuing until the death of the elder man. At that time Harry Munger, a son, became a member of the firm, and later Eugene G. Kennedy was admitted, the concern then taking the name of Kennedy, Munger & Kennedy, which became known as one of the most formidable law combinations of Dayton, and which continued in existence until Mr. Kennedy's death in 1909. Aside from his profession, in which he won deserved prominence and success, Mr. Kennedy took an active and helpful part in civic affairs, and served as president of the board of education for two terms and as United States commissioner for a like period. He was a valued member of the Montgomery county, Ohio State and National bar associations, and was long a member of the Third Street Presbyterian church, in which he served as elder and clerk of the sessions. April 30, 1889, he married Louise, daughter of John J. and Frances

Louise (Sherwood) Achey, of Dayton. John J. Achey was born at Middletown, Pa., April 7, 1833, and was brought to Dayton in 1838, where he was married October 25, 1859, to Frances Louise Sherwood, who was born January 27, 1839, at Newark, Ohio. For some years Mr. Achey was in the hardware business and then became the founder of the Achey Plow works, with which he was identified until his retirement, his death occurring December 5, 1866. His widow, who survives him, makes her home with Mrs. Kennedy, an only child. To Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy there were born two children: Katharine Louise and Capt. Grafton Sherwood. Miss Katharine Louise Kennedy has for some years been one of the most prominent and popular young women of Dayton in club and philanthropic circles. For two years she was president of the Dayton Day Nursery, and during its existence was a director in the National League for Women's service. She was elected president of the Fresh Air Farm Junior league in 1915, 1916, 1917 and 1919, this being the only organization of all the prominent younger girls and young matrons of Dayton. She is secretary of the Barney Community house; for years has been a member of the board of management of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and of the board of directors of the Federation of Charity and Philanthropy, and was the founder and is vice-president of the Comedy club. Capt. Grafton Sherwood Kennedy attended Yale university, where he was graduated in 1914 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he was graduated as a mechanical engineer with the class of 1917. He also holds an honorary degree from Harvard university, and is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. At present he is a captain of United States Regulars of the Coast Artillery, and is stationed at the Aberdeen, (Md.), proving grounds. He was married December 1, 1918, to Katherine Lucille, daughter of Robert Grinnell and Sarah Louise (Sloat) Glidden, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and they are the parents of one daughter: Katherine Louise.

John Elmer Elsworth Kessler. Since beginning his operations as an agriculturist of Montgomery county, John Elmer Elsworth Kessler has secured excellent financial results and has secured a broad knowledge of agricultural science. Many years of practical experience contribute to his farming equipment, and the greater part of his life has been passed in the free and independent atmosphere of the country. He is a native of Miami county, Ohio, born July 9, 1864, the eldest of three sons of Thomas and Martha M. (Newport) Kessler. Thomas Kessler was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1822, the family name in that country being originally Koestler and later Kestler. He received a common school education and as a young man took passage at Hamburg on a sailing vessel which, after a voyage of sixty-three days, made port at New York City. He at once came to Dayton, where, possessing neither capital nor a trade, he was forced to accept such honorable employment as presented itself, and at first worked as a carpenter's assistant at the wage of $6 per month. Subsequently, he worked as a farm hand, and then for four years drove the United States Mail coach from Dayton to Troy. It was at this time that he met and

married, and for the next three years lived at West Milton, but eventually took up farming in Miami county, where, at the time of his death in 1894, he was the owner of a tract of thirty-six acres. In his politics he was a Republican. While in Germany he belonged to the Catholic church, but in Ohio joined the Christian church, in the faith of which he was laid to rest in the Laura cemetery. Mrs. Kessler was born in Ohio and her religious faith was that of the Dunkard church. Of the three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Kessler, two are living. Anson N. Kessler was given good educational advantages, attending first the common schools of Brookville, under the supervision of Superintendent Marsyllis, now superintendent of the Montgomery county schools, later going to Lebanon college, and also attending the college at Ada. Anson N. Kessler is a resident of Alberta, Canada, where, with his brother, he is interested in agricultural operations and with him owns 800 acres of valuable land. He is also a commercial traveler and reperesents the Great Britain Hale Insurance company, and is meeting with marked success in both lines of endeavor. He married Miss Lulu Belle Younce, and they have four children,—Ambert, Trevar, Martha and Howard. Mr. Kessler is a Republican and fraternizes with the Knights of Pythias, and he and Mrs. Kessler are members of the Christian church. John E. E. Kessler was but three years of age when brought by his parents to Montgomery county, and here secured his education in the public schools. He has been a very active and energetic man, and in addition to having been identified with agricultural matters all his life, was a commercial traveler for many years, and for a quarter of a century acted as manager of the output of the Cocoanut oil barrels of the Beaver Soap company. In 1909 he and his brother Anson became interested in lands in Alberta, Canada, and at that time purchased 960 acres, this purchase being followed by one of 320 acres, but they have since disposed of a part of their holdings and at present have 800 acres. The homestead of Mr. and Mrs. Kessler, located in Clay township, Montgomery county, comprises ninety-seven acres, and is known as Cedar Lawn. It is a beautiful country estate, with the latest improvements, and all the buildings now located thereon have been erected during their occupancy. When they began life here their cash capital was decidedly meager, but by dint of push and energy and indifference to the meaning of the word "fail," they have prospered greatly, and are now accounted as among the substantial people of their community, the interests of which have always had their unqualified support. May 23, 1901, Mr. Kessler was united in marriage with Anna Catherine, daughter of Henry and Catherine (Widdikin) Lightner, and of the three sons and one daughter born to this union, one son and one daughter survive: Anson T., one of the bright and leading pupils of the freshman class at Phillipsburg High school; and Florence Luella. Mrs. Kessler was born in Miami county, Ohio, at Troy, January 22, 1875, and received a common school education. During the early days of her married life she was of the greatest assistance to her husband, working faithfully and practicing economy, and throughout their residence here she has always been ready with wise counsel and helpful ad-



C. F. Kettering

vice in assisting Mr. Kessler to prosperity. She is a devout member of the German Evangelical church, in the work of which she has taken an active part. Her mother died in the faith of this church, in 1909, and her father, now a seventy-two-year-old resident of Vandalia, Ohio, also belongs thereto. He traces his ancestry to German origin, but was born near Vandalia, Montgomery county, Ohio, where in early life he was a carpenter and later an agriculturist. He is a Republican and a highly respected citizen. He and his wife became the parents of ten children, five sons and five daughters, of whom seven are still living and four are residents of Montgomery county. Mr. Kessler has been a staunch Republican since the time he cast his first presidential vote for James G. Blaine, but has been too occupied to think of holding political office, although not too busy to faithfully discharge the duties of citizenship. Both he and his wife are fond of travel and have taken several pleasure trips to the northwestern part of the United States, to Alberta, Canada, and to Niagara Falls. But while they enjoy life in taking these journeys, they also find great pleasure in the midst of the friends of their own locality, to whom the doors of Cedar Lawn are always thrown hospitably open.

Charles Franklin Kettering. Possessed of a genius for mechanics and electricity, an inventive mind combining the theoretical with the practical, a passionate curiosity for research and an indefatigable energy in pursuing it; utterly indifferent to material gain and without ambition for so-called popularity,—such a man is Charles F. Kettering. These characteristics were already sprouting when, as a boy in the country, he felt a dumb and indignant sense of the useless labor involved in farm work and an overmastering desire to find a better way. He was born near Loudonville, O., where his youth was passed alternating between farm chores at night (which he disliked) and lessons at the district school by day (which he loved). His boy life was filled with hard work and few distracting pleasures. Country school finished and afterwards high school in town, young Kettering took a normal course at Wooster in preparation for the inevitable teaching with which so many successful men have begun their careers. This occupation pursued for several years gave him money with which to enter the Ohio State university at Columbus. Already he had acquired a passion for mechanical experiment and to this was added an absorbing interest in chemistry and electricity. Together they led him to choose the scientific course at O. S. U., into which he was hardly embarked when his first handicap made itself apparent,—trouble with the eyes. Study at night thus became impossible,—a serious situation for an ambitious boy in a hurry to get at life. But there is always a way out and even then Kettering could be trusted to find it. The solution of this difficulty for him was to lie on the bed, while his room-mate read aloud the lesson for the next day. The information soaked in by this vicarious method enabled him to appear at class fully as well prepared as the other students. Some of them said at the time that no one could know so much about mathematics as Kettering and not be "queer." Thus he got through his university course creditably, graduating in 1904. It was about this time that Mr. E. A.

Deeds, then general superintendent of The National Cash Register company of Dayton, wanted a certain kind of a man for a certain purpose. With these requirements in mind he wrote for advice to Prof. A. D. Cole, his old teacher at Denison university, now a professor at the Ohio State university. Professor Cole's reply was that he knew of just the man that was needed but he was then getting a salary of twelve hundred a year and on the way to twice as much. Was it well to interfere with a career like that? The man referred to was C. F. Kettering, who, when the proposition was put up to him, promptly took the climbing irons off his heels (for he was at that time in the employ of the telephone company) said good-by to telephones and the shop force and moved what lares and penates he owned down to Dayton.

Here enters the human equation without which so many important possibilities are wrecked. Mr. Kettering's frank way made an immediate and favorable impression upon Mr. Deeds and the business relation then entered into became the basis of an enduring friendship and wonderfully profitable to both. Both men have mechanical ability of a high order. Both are endowed with fine business sense. In Deeds the executive ability seems to predominate. To Kettering the laboratory and the shop are more attractive than the office. In both fields they have been able to understand each other and speak a common language. The problem Mr. Deeds had in mind at that time was some sort of an electrically operated device for a cash register. What he needed was some one to work it out. Kettering undertook the work. The accomplishment of this problem became so engrossing to the young mechanic that he came early to the factory, stayed late, and ignored every rule of the department as to working hours. The result can be seen in the cash register electrically operated, and located today in any retail store, the joint product of the man who conceived the idea and the genius who fashioned that idea into a practical reality. The automobile industry was then in its infancy. The machines of that date bore little resemblance to the palace cars of today. The National Cash Register company then, as now kept in touch with all modern improvements. Its officers came and went in automobiles as soon as these became of practical use. Deeds and Kettering rode frequently together. Each possesses a spirit of daring that would have made him successful at the racing game. They had had boyish experiences on the road with the traction engine. Their observation was keen and they were quick to note the shortcomings of their gasoline buggy. They not only had to crank it to start it, but frequent ignition trouble was its greatest defect. That was the problem that began to call for solution. Having completed the work for which he had been called to The National Cash Register company, Mr. Kettering left that employment to devote his entire time to the new problem viz: Creating a more reliable ignition system for gasoline engines. Mr. Deeds provided the place for experiment on his home premises and added his counsel. Days led into weeks, weeks into months and months into years of research and experimental work before they were willing to impose upon the public the result of this investigation and experimentation. As so often happens

in the scientific world, the solution of one problem opened the door to another and another. So here, while experimenting with the problem of ignition for automobiles, was presented and answered the question of a satisfactory self-starter and self-lighting system as well.

Out of this travail of tireless effort was born what has become known the world over as the "Delco Type of Ignition." It is known as the battery type which provides a stored source of current supply in contrast with the magneto type which is a machine for generating current. The Delco ignition is now largely used on the better class of automobiles and motor boats and has also won its place in aviation circles. All Liberty motors sent overseas were equipped with it. The Delco ignition, the Delco starter and self-lighting systems, thus originated became the basis of a large business which has brought wealth and fame to its owners, and proved of economic value to the world at large. Out of this same experimentation carried on by Mr. Kettering, came the now famous Delco light system designed for country homes which is the basis of another large business employing thousands of men and women. During the period of the war, Mr. Kettering gave a great deal of time to the consideration of the problems of the airplane and its complex equipment for war purposes. Some day history will refer to his automatically controlled airplane as one of the most wonderful inventions. In addition to the problems of manufacturing arising in connection with the work of The Dayton Wright Airplane company, were problems of machine guns shooting through propellers, problems of engines and motors and wireless telephones and special fuels, all of which received such consideration at the hands of Mr. Kettering that his name will be inseparably linked with that development by the future historian. From the progress made it has been prophesied that Mr. Kettering will be one of the first men to make the airplane of practical use for commercial purposes.

Mr. Kettering studies his problems at first hand. He is possessed of a mind that enables him to see through the mass of details, brush aside those things which are unimportant or useless, and grasp the fundamental principles involved. It is the usual custom following a period of investigation and experimentation by his expert engineers and chemists, to lay down the results and say, "Let's see what Boss Ket says about it." With marvelous precision and unerring accuracy the Boss picks out the fundamentals and throws away the rubbish. When the work is completed, however, if you were to ask him about it, he would say, "That is a fine piece of work of Mr. Chryst or Mr. Clements," faithful employees who have been associated with him for years. Final tests of apparatus are usually made by him personally, and night as well as day finds him often in the laboratory. If it belongs to the automobile, Kettering will be sitting behind the wheel. If it belong to the airplane, he will see it in actual service under whatever conditions may be necessary. This will account in a large measure for his flights to Columbus, Detroit, New York, Washington, etc. Although the airplane is sometimes made a vehicle for business or pleasure. It was only recently that he was enabled to leave Dayton and attend to

some business in Detroit on the first day, testify in a trial in Philadelphia on the second afternoon and sit at a banquet of tractor men in Wichita, Kans., on the evening of the third day. These flights are always made with Howard Rinehart as pilot who, Mr. Kettering says, knows more about flying an airplane than any man in America. Mr. Kettering is an optimist. Discouragement has no abiding place in his nature. His philosophy is that whatever is worth while must have its problems. The more impossible they seem of solution, the more inviting the task. Concentrated efforts on fundamental lines must bring good results. He sometimes tells his men that God filled the universe with scientific problems to keep us occupied and interested and is pleased whenever we solve any of them. That in engineering, "where there's a will there's a way" and the best motto is "Try, try again." That the theoretical is all right, but only a fool will be limited by theory. That in the practical world theories don't always work out. In other words Kettering follows known and established lines of investigation so far as they bring results but never hesitates to break a rule or set aside a precedent or carry his experimentation into the unknown, to get practical results. It is related of him that in the early days of his experimental research work, he was engaged in his laboratory developing a voltage regulator, an instrument which many scientific men said could not be made practical. The supper hour had passed unnoticed. The factory was silent and deserted by all except a friend in the office who called him at ten and again at eleven to cease his labors, but to no purpose, until at midnight the triumphant announcement came out —"I have it," and thus it has continued. Mr. Kettering carries with him a persistent good humor. Active, tireless, energy shown in every movement, he often breaks the tenseness of an occasion, as did Lincoln, with an anecdote, of which he has an inexhaustible fund. One never knows where nor when he may show up around the factories. He is as apt to dictate his letters from some storebox as at his desk. Most of the men know him personally, and a "good morning, Boss," never fails to bring a "How'dy, Jim," in reply. He would rather give than take and the men who know him love him. He may be acquainted with, but never understands the jealousies and quarrels of men around him. A characteristic remark was that attributed to him when after his first airplane flight some one asked him what impressed him most, and he replied, "Why do people quarrel about line fences." His philosophy is further illustrated by the following taken from his address to his men:

"The most valuable thing in the world is a fact, the most elusive and the hardest thing to get people to act upon when they find it."

"In research work, one must have a definite goal."

"There is nothing wonderful in invention. The principles have always been there. The wonder is that we haven't found them sooner."

"There is no such thing as a perfect device. Everything can be improved. So the man who thinks he has 'arrived' is hopeless."

"Booze—of course some fellows will have this stuff. All right. Some of these days we'll be sending flowers to the house and go back ourselves to complete the big job the world is asking of us."

"You can if you think you can."

"Before the war America was dependent on Germany for about 2,700 different kinds of chemicals. Now we make them ourselves."

That Mr. Kettering is endowed with business ability also is evidenced by his wise management of The Delco company of which he became the president and general manager, succeeding Mr. Deeds, when the latter entered the Government service in August, 1917. Although little past forty years of age, a time when many men are beginning their careers, Mr. Kettering has accomplished more than most men in a lifetime. He has attained international fame by reason of his engineering accomplishments. He has amassed wealth sufficient to satisfy all ambitions in that line. He has helped found two or three lines of business world-wide in their scope, whose annual output runs into the millions. He has invented and made of practical use articles of economic value to all mankind. He has not only added to the pleasures of the rich, but has also lightened the burdens and cares of the class from which he sprang—the farmer and his housewife. This perhaps brings him his greatest satisfaction. He has been honored with the presidency of the Society of Automotive Engineers of the United States. His counsel has been sought by those high in the affairs of the Government. In the automobile and the tractor world his acquaintance has become nation wide and in the field of the internal combustion engine no engineer's opinion is more highly valued. He has been honored by appointment of the Governor of his state to the board of trustees of his Alma Mater—the Ohio State university—where he performs a fine service, among other things widening the horizon of his old teachers by bringing them in touch with the practical problems of the manufacturer and in turn receiving the benefit of their knowledge and experience. In the midst of so busy a life he will be found among the shop boys in the educational classes of the Y. M. C. A., dropping a word of wisdom and encouragement.

Mr. Kettering married Miss Olive Williams, of Ashland, Ohio, and they have one son, Eugene, aged eleven years. He owns a small estate of some two hundred acres located in the Hills and Dales section of country south of the city, adjacent to the estate of Colonel Deeds and Governor James M. Cox. On it will be found beautiful pedigreed stock which one could probably steal and sell to the owner without his recognizing it. Here in 1913 he built himself a beautiful home on one of the prominent ridges overlooking the Miami valley, towards the south and west, which he named "Ridgeleigh Terrace." Surrounded with greenhouses and beautiful gardens of flowers; equipped with sunlit rooms, pipe organ, library and bowling alleys, Mr. Kettering thinks that some time, he will here settle down to the life of a country gentlemen. Will he? As Thomas Bailey Aldrich says:

"Whatever region entices,
Whatever siren sings,
Still onward beckons the phantom,
Of unaccomplished things."

Chemistry is constantly revealing new secrets. Electricity is

but little understood. Each day brings forth startling developments. Larger opportunities are now beckoning. Unlimited capital awaits the call of the successful inventor and engineer. The call of business and of scientific research is as tempting to the human animal as the "Call of the Wild" to Jack London's dog. Will Mr. Kettering retire or will he die in the harness?

Harry C. Kiefaber. Self-made men are to be found in every country but nowhere have they developed as in the United States, for the opportunities afforded are so much better that one who possesses energy, ambition and thrift and has the ability to apply his talents properly can rise far above his beginnings and take a place among the successful of earth. In the career of Harry C. Kiefaber, one of Dayton's successful retired business men, this has been clearly proven and his record also demonstrates that a man need not depart from the strict principles laid down in the Golden Rule to achieve the rewards of this world. A man of strong ambition he has never allowed his desire for success to cloud his appreciation of the rights of others and as a result he has made and retained the warm personal friendship of many and the enmity of but few. Mr. Kiefaber was born at Mount Joy, Lancaster county, Pa., June 23, 1852, a son of Jonathan and Josephine (Lipp) Kiefaber. His parents, natives of Germany, came to the United States as children, and were married in Pennsylvania, where the father followed the trade of baker until his early death when Harry C. was a child of but three months. After the death of her husband the widowed mother took her children to Springfield, Ohio, and there Harry C. Kiefaber received a somewhat limited education in the public schools. At the age of eleven years he was taken to Clark county, Ohio, for a short stay, but in 1864 the family came to Dayton, and here the mother passed away. Harry C. Kiefaber had early learned to depend largely upon his own resources. At times he had been called upon to assist in the family support and his schooling had been gained by attendance at school only when he could be spared from other duties. But it is often under the most discouraging conditions that the best in a youth is brought to the top and it seemed to be so in his case, for adversity made success seem all the more desirable and something to be worked for with every bit of ability and energy that he possessed. He was only twelve years old when he came to Dayton, but at that time he and his brother, William, pooled their small resources and started a modest fruit stand at the corner of St. Clair and Second streets. The young businessmen were energetic in their methods, engaging in their personalities, courteous and obliging in their salesmanship, and within four years had built up their business to such an extent that they were forced to take larger quarters. When they did so they also ventured into a field of greatly increased scope. Moving to Third street, they opened a grocery, in connection with which they dealt extensively in wholesale and retail fruits, and under their management this became one of the leading ventures of its kind at Dayton. In 1890 Mr. Kiefaber bought out his brother's interest, and the business at that time was incorporated as the Kiefaber company. Year by year it grew in size, importance and patronage and

continued at the same stand until the great flood of 1913, when the building and stock were destroyed and it was deemed advisable to seek a new location instead of rebuilding on the old one. Accordingly, Mr. Kiefaber erected a building on St. Clair (South) street and continued the business therein with increasing success until September, 1916, when he discontinued business after being in it for fifty years. He is now paying attention to the raising of fruit, having an orchard of 300 acres at Ross, Ohio, which produced 40,000 bushels of apples in 1918. In regard to his retirement, the Dayton News, of September 1, 1916, said, editorially, in part: "The good will and name of the concern cannot be purchased. The institution will go out of business. And thereby hangs as sweet a story of human honesty and of human endeavor as was ever written—the story of the life and work of one man who will leave his impress upon this splendid city for all time to come. The 'good will' as it is called, would be worth thousands of dollars. Indeed, Harry Kiefaber has been importuned to 'sell out' and allow the business to be conducted under his name. But he would do nothing of that kind. He has retired from business, and the firm name will disappear from the lists of trade. And the reason for the refusal to sell the firm's name is the basis of this little story. In substance, Harry Kiefaber says to those who seek to acquire the 'good will' of the firm: 'I have been here fifty years. I have dealt honestly with my customers. I have tried to be fair at all times. I have made friends, I trust, and have sought no undue advantage. The name of the firm is the name of my family; I am jealous of it. I cannot give my consent to have my family name bargained for and sold to strangers. The days might come when the firm name might fall into evil hands. Dishonest men might acquire the title. I was able to guard the name against suspicion when I was running the business, but I shall not be able to do so any longer. I shall not trust it to others. In the course of time someone might be wronged by the firm bearing my name if it should fall into the hands of unscrupulous men. So I shall not allow it to be continued as the Kiefaber company.' Ye who believe the world is given over to greed and gold: ye who suppose that business is cold-blooded and devoid of sentiment; ye who hold that all men seek an advantage one over another, and take no pride in the inheritance of a family name—read again the little sign that hangs in the store of this good man who for half a century has been a part of this community." Mr. Kiefaber's connections with the business and financial interests at Dayton are numerous and important and include the vice-presidency of the Dayton Savings bank and directorships in the Dayton Power and Light company and the Ohio State Tile company. He and the members of his family belong to the First Lutheran church, to the movements of which he has been a generous contributor, as he has also to enterprises of a civic character for municipal betterment and the general welfare. He is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Kiefaber was married May 5, 1888, to Josephine, daughter of George W. Harshman, of Dayton, and they are the parents of three children: Warner H., of Dayton, the father of four children—Josephine

Harshman, Marianna Durst, Warner Harshman, Jr., and Jeanette Christine; Josephine L., the wife of Leon Crowl, and mother of three children—Julia Ann, Josephine Kiefaber, and Harry Kiefaber, and the youngest child of our subject is Harry Jonathan, who was first lieutenant in Battery E, 134th Field Artillery, A. E. F., France. He was married on October 16, 1919, to Miss Jane Huffman, daughter of McCurdy Huffman, of Dayton.

J. Frank Kiefaber. The career of J. Frank Kiefaber adds another to the many illustrations which Dayton has furnished of the results attainable by tact, intelligence, industry, fidelity and perseverance when applied to the attainment of business prominence under the favoring conditions which have, for many years, attended all her many enterprises. During a period of more than a quarter of a century he has been identified with the famous Barney & Smith Car works, one of the most prominent industries of the state of Ohio, and the greatest enterprise of its kind west of the Allegheny mountains, and during this time has advanced himself from a humble clerkship to the office of vice-president and treasurer. Mr. Kiefaber severed his connection with the Barney & Smith company on June 1, 1918. Mr. Kiefaber was born October 28, 1867, and is another native son of whom the city of Dayton is proud because of his unaided accomplishments. He received no uncommon advantages in his youth, for the curriculum of the public schools, when mastered, furnished him with a knowledge of the common branches of English education and he was then ready to put aside his text books and begin his battle with life, full of determination to make his career a successful one. His first employment was found in the service of the Dayton & Ironton Railroad company, where he was given the position of yard clerk and remained in that capacity, satisfactorily discharging his duties, for three years. This experience was followed by a journey to Des Moines, Iowa, where he was engaged by the Standard Oil company for two years, but in 1891 returned to Dayton and entered the employ of the Barney & Smith Car company, as bookkeeper. He was not allowed to remain in that capacity long, however, for his ability was soon recognized and his fidelity and industry won him promotion. As the years passed he advanced from place to place until finally he was made vice-president and treasurer of this great industry, one of the most important operating in industrial lines at Dayton, in addition to the most extensive car works west of the Alleghenies and one of the largest manufacturing concerns of the state. As he has risen, Mr. Kiefaber has familiarized himself with every department of this great concern, and today the former bookkeeper is known as an authority upon everything pertaining to his line of manufacture. He is shrewd, capable, energetic, with great capacity for continuous labor; an associate whom his fellows have the utmost faith in; clear-sighted, cool-headed and forceful; quick in action and keen in perceptions; and an employer who is reasonable and just. He ranks with the leaders in Dayton's business life, a title that has been fairly earned through many years of earnest, honest labor, in which he has asked no outside help and solicited no aid or favoring influence. Mr. Kiefaber was married in 1891 to Miss Florence E.

Gilbert, a daughter of Philip E. Gilbert. Mrs. Kiefaber died in October, 1907, leaving three children: J. Gilbert, Erminie G. and Rollin D. In his political views, Mr. Kiefaber harbors Republican tendencies, but is inclined to be independent when occasion arises, preferring to use his own judgment as to the desirability of candidates rather than to depend entirely upon party choice. He is one of the prominent Masons of Dayton, having attained a high degree in the Scottish Rite, and is likewise a noble of the Mystic Shrine. He likewise holds membership in the Dayton City club, the Buz Fuz club and the Dayton Country club, and his religious connection is with the Westminster Presbyterian church. He is the possessor of a splendid tenor voice, with which he frequently entertains his friends, but his talent is principally devoted to lodge and church work. However, he has always taken a keen and active interest in the Philharmonic society and has been a generous contributor, both in time, ability and means, to its support and its various movements. Mr. Kiefaber also belongs to the musical organization known as the Dutch club, which is composed of ten of the best male voices to be found in the city.

Warner Harshman Kiefaber. A representative of that broad-minded, cultured and ever progressive element which is to mould the future business policy of Dayton is found in Warner Harshman Kiefaber, assistant general manager of the M. J. Gibbons Supply company. Mr. Kiefaber has several important business connections at Dayton, through which he has established himself firmly in community confidence. He was born at Dayton, January 17, 1887, a son of H. C. Kiefaber, a review of whose career will be found elsewhere in this work, and was given the undisputed advantages of a thorough training ere he entered upon his career. After attending the public schools, he was sent to St. Mary's Institute and subsequently to St. Mary's college, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science, and then took a course in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, being duly graduated therefrom. He completed his education by a course at Harvard University, and at the time of his graduation, in 1908, became identified with the Central Supply company, of Indianapolis. He remained with the Central Supply company for a little under three years, and in 1910 joined the latter company, in the capacity of assistant purchasing agent at Dayton. Later he was made purchasing agent and sales manager, and at the present time holds the post of assistant general manager and dictates the sales policy of this concern. The M. J. Gibbons Supply company was established in 1910 by M. J. Gibbons, and is an outgrowth of the plumbing and heating business formerly conducted by Mr. Gibbons. This is now a wholesale business, handling plumbing, water, heating and gas supplies, and eighty people are employed in the plant, which is located at the corner of Webster and East First streets, Dayton. Three traveling salesmen are employed in covering the company's territory, which includes the whole of the Miami Valley. In addition to being assistant general manager of this large concern, Mr. Kiefaber is president of the Harshman Improvement company and a director of the Durst Milling company, both Dayton enterprises. He is secretary

and treasurer of the Massachusetts Technology club of Dayton, takes an active part in the work of the local Y. M. C. A., and belongs to the Engineers club, and he and his family hold membership in the First Evangelical Lutheran church. November 3, 1910, he married Jeanette Durst, daughter of Edward G. Durst, of Dayton, and they have four children: Josephine H., Marianna Durst, Warner H., Jr. and Jeanette Christine.

Benjamin Franklin Kiester, M. D. Of the men of Dayton whose active years have been devoted to the profession of medicine, few have rendered more faithful or valued service than Dr. Benjamin Franklin Kiester. Coming to Dayton in 1878, for twenty-seven years he ministered to the ills of a large and representative practice, and when he finally retired, in 1905, it was after he had devoted his best energies unreservedly to his vocation for thirty years. Doctor Kiester was born at Pleasant Hill, Miami county, Ohio, May 27, 1847, a son of Peter Kiester. His education as a lad was secured in the public schools of his home community and at the high school at Troy, Ohio, and when he had completed his own studies he turned his attention to instructing others, and for twelve school terms taught in the rural districts of Miami county. During this period he found some leisure for reading, and, becoming interested in medicine, took up the study of that important and interesting profession. Thus it was he found a field for usefulness in his life, for he eventually became convinced that medicine was the vocation in which he could gain his greatest success, and accordingly began to devote himself assiduously to its mastery. His medical studies were prosecuted in the Ohio Medical college, from which he was duly graduated with the class of 1875, and received the degree of M. D. He began practice that same year at Arcanum, Ohio, in association with his brother, Dr. S. W. Kiester, until his retirement. In 1878 W. H. Kiester, his brother became his partner and practiced with him for a few years and then retired. Eighteen years later Dr. B. F. Kiester came to Dayton and entered practice, practicing till 1895, when he retired. At the outset of his career he possessed few of the advantages which now assist the practitioner, but he had the general knowledge and the intelligence to know how to apply his learning, and his practice grew as his reputation increased. He was a physician of the old school, unfailing in his sympathy, careful and concise in his diagnosis, skilled in his practice and steady-handed in his surgical work. He became beloved throughout his community. In 1905, feeling the need of a change, went to the Saskatchewan country, in Canada, where he is the owner of 1000 acres of valuable farming land. After four years spent on this property, he returned to Dayton, where he is now living in comfortable retirement at No. 402 Salem avenue. Doctor Kiester was a member of the Montgomery County Medical society, the Ohio Medical society and the American Medical association, and stood high in the estimation of his fellow-practitioners, who ever found him a respecter of the highest ethics of his honored calling. His profession ever held his principal interest, but he was likewise jealous of his city's reputation, and any movement for civic betterment found, as it does still, a supporter in him. Doctor Kiester was united in marriage

with Miss Lula Heikes, of Tippecanoe city, Ohio, and they became the parents of one son: Benjamin Franklin, Jr., who resides with his parents.

William H. Kiester, M. D. The retirement of Dr. William H. Kiester of Dayton, in 1913, came after nearly a quarter of a century of active medical and surgical practice, during which time he had attained an enviable position in his profession. He is a native of Miami county, Ohio, born near Pleasant Hill, a son of Peter Kiester. He was educated in the public schools of Pleasant Hill and Covington, Ohio, and the normal school at Lebanon. At the outset of his career he took up business instead of a profession, his first experiences being secured in the grain trade at Troy. Subsequently he was interested in the glucose business, at East St. Louis, Ill., and Dayton for a time. Subsequently he decided upon a professional course, and in 1886 began to read medicine in the office of a brother, Dr. S. W. Kiester of Troy. After some preparation, he entered the Ohio Medical college, at Cincinnati, and was graduated from that institution with the class of 1889, receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine. At that time he located at Arcanum, Ohio, where he was associated with a brother, Dr. B. F. Kiester, and remained in that community for fourteen years, leaving in 1903 to come to Dayton. In this greatly enlarged field he centered his professional labors for ten years, retiring in 1913 when he was one of the well-known members of his calling. Dr. Kiester attained a competence and at the same time rose high in the estimation of his fellow-practitioners. He was a valued member of the Miami County Medical society, the Montgomery County Medical society, the Ohio State Medical society and the American Medical association, and his fraternal affiliations included membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in addition to which he had various civic and social connections. During a long and successful career he formed a number of business relations, and at this time is president of the Schauer Distilling company of Dayton. Doctor Kiester's first wife was Miss Mathilda Williams, now deceased, who was the mother of his two children, Edith, the wife of Archie Bummel, of Dayton; and Forrest, the wife of Robert W. Kuhns, also of Dayton, with two children, Robert Jr. and an infant. The present Mrs. Kiester was formerly Miss Alberta Banta, of Dayton.

Hugh Wiggim Kimes, now deceased, was for a number of years associated with the pump industry of Dayton, and when he died he was head of the Vaile-Kimes Pump company. He was born at Dayton, Ohio, August 19, 1863, a son of William and Mary Anne (Wiggim) Kimes, both of whom were natives of Dayton. Hugh W. Kimes was educated in the public schools of Richmond, Ind., but returned to Dayton to engage with the Smith-Vaile company, and his efficiency received recognition by successive promotions and he became superintendent of the plant. Still later he went into the business of manufacturing pumps, under the name of the Vaile-Kimes company, and was so engaged at the time of his death, March 6, 1917. For many years he had been a member of the Park Presbyterian church, and his prominence in it resulted in his election as elder. High in Masonry, he was a Scottish Rite Mason and

Shriner. Mr. Kimes belonged to the Engineers club, the Kiwanis club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Y. M. C. A. December 22, 1892 Mr. Kimes was united in marriage with Miss Jennie McCreery, a daughter of Francis and Letitia (Kingsbury) McCreery of Dayton, and they had one son, Robert Hugh, who lives at Dayton. Mr. and Mrs. McCreery were born in Ireland, and in 1843 he came to the United States, locating first at Xenia, Ohio, but in 1878 he moved to Dayton, where he worked in the railroad shops as a master mechanic, although by trade he was a cooper. Mr. McCreery died July 6, 1915, and his wife died March 3, 1904. They were consistent members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. McCreery was a Scottish Rite Mason and Knight Templar. Mrs. Kimes was born at Xenia, Ohio, but obtained her educational training in the public schools of Dayton. With the passing of Mr. Kimes, Dayton lost an excellent citizen, his industry a potent factor, and his family and friends one who ever put them before the thought of self, and sought to develop those faculties which would make life happier for them, and his community the better for his having lived in it.

Clem L. Kimmel & Son. This firm holds a representative status among the leading mercantile concerns of the city of Dayton and figures as the successor of George B. Keafuber, who established the enterprise in the year 1876. Clem L. Kimmel purchased the business in 1891, and thereafter the enterprise was conducted under the title of Kimmel & Rice until 1896, when Mr. Kimmel purchased the interest of his partner and assumed full control. He thus continued operations until the time of the great flood, in 1913, when his place of business was demolished, as were so many others in the city. He promptly made preparations for the resumption of business after this disaster, and the concrete results of his valiant and inspiring efforts were shown in the erection of his present modern building, at the southwest corner of Third and St. Clair streets, where in the conducting of a large and important business he has as his coadjutor his son Ralph, who is junior member of the firm. This figures as one of the pioneer mercantile concerns of the city, and there have been in its history various changes in ownership. R. Woodhull was at the head of the enterprise many years ago and was succeeded by Robert Barnett & Co. The present firm has one of the largest and best equipped retail hardware establishments in the city of Dayton, and in each department it controls a large supporting patronage. The firm handle seeds at wholesale and retail, deal largely in agricultural implements and machinery, handle twine, rope, gas engines, wagons and lighting plants (with provisions for installation), and occupy the entire four floors of a building that is 100 by 20 feet in dimensions. The firm has a corps of eight employees in its establishment.

Clement L. Kimmel claims Montgomery county as the place of his nativity and is a member of one of the old and honored families of the county. He was born in Madison township, August 28, 1861, and is a son of Joseph P. and Amanda (Kent) Kimmel, who passed their entire lives in this county, where the respective families were founded in the pioneer era. Joseph P. Kimmel was long numbered among the representative farmers and stock dealers of his

native county and he passed the closing years of his life in the city of Dayton. Of the two surviving sons Clement L. is the elder, and Harry E. is a resident of Miami township. After having duly availed himself of the advantages of the public schools Clement L. Kimmel took a course of study in the Wilt's Commercial college. For five years thereafter he was engaged in farm enterprise, and he then became a clerk in the hardware establishment of George B. Keafuber. Two years later he purchased the stock and business, and he has since continued the enterprise, which has been signally prospered under his able management. He is liberal and progressive as a citizen, is a Republican in politics, holds membership in the Dayton Retail Merchants' association, the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, the Thirty-one club, and the local Y. M. C. A., and Dayton Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. February 7, 1884, recorded the marriage of Mr. Kimmel to Miss Alfretta Bowman, of West Carrollton, Ohio, she being a daughter of Rev. W. A. Bowman. Mr. and Mrs. Kimmel have two sons, Ralph W., who is junior member of the firm of Clem L. Kimmel & Son, and Bert H., who resides at Liberty Center, Ohio.

Ezra F. Kimmel. Occupying a foremost place in the business world at Dayton, and well and favorably known over the country through numerous enterprises of great importance, is Ezra F. Kimmel, a native and lifelong resident of this city. Mr. Kimmel was born October 20, 1863, a son of Christian and Sarah (Ecki) Kimmel, the latter of whom was born in eastern Ohio and now resides at Dayton. The father of Mr. Kimmel was born in Germany and from there came to the United States in 1847. He located at Dayton, Ohio, where his death occured September 18, 1893. For thirty-eight years he had been superintendent of the Buckeye Iron and Brass works. Ezra F. Kimmel attended the public schools until seventeen years old, when he became bookkeeper for the Dayton Plow company, in which capacity he served from 1880 to 1884, going then to the Mutual Home and Savings association, where he continued for seven years. In 1891 he was concerned in the organization of the John Dodds Manufacturing company and served as its vice-president until 1896. Mr. Kimmel then became interested in the real estate line, taking charge of E. J. Barney's real estate business at Dayton. At present he is secretary of the Dayton Arcade company, which built the Arcade in 1906, and additionally is officially identified with many other concerns of high commercial standing. He is also connected with the real estate firm of Kimmel & Freehafer; president of The Universal Credit Rating company; president of The Dayton Clark Land company; president of The French Dry Cleaning company; vice-president of The Mutual Home Saving association, vice-president The People's Fuel company, vice-president of the Y. M. C. A.; treasurer of The Miami Valley hospital and director in The Winters National bank, as well as director in various other corporations, these positions indicating the confidence felt in his business energy and foresight. November 12, 1885, Mr. Kimmel married Ida May Steffey, who died February 26, 1913. June 3, 1916, Mr. Kimmel married Miss Mary J. Schaubacher of Erie, Pa. He has two children, Florence M., who is the wife of William F.

Schoch of St. Paul, Minn.; and Russel E., who is a resident of Dayton and is associated with his father in the real estate business. Mr. Kimmel is a member of the Business Men's club, Chamber of Commerce, Dayton Country club and the Real Estate board; also a member of the Building Managers' association. He is a member of the Mystic Lodge F. & A. M. and has attained the thirty-second degree, Scottish Rite, and is also a Shriner. He has been very much interested in the Y. M. C. A., having been a director there for the past twenty-eight years and also in the Miami Valley hospital, having been treasurer for the past fifteen years.

Charles Wills King, M. D. One of the more prominent men in medical circles in Dayton is Dr. Charles Wills King, a specialist in nervous and mental diseases of much acknowledged ability. He was born at Hillsboro, Highland County, Ohio, on September 9, 1854, but received his preliminary education in the public schools of Georgetown, Brown county, Ohio. After the completion of a two-year course in a private school he matriculated in the medical department of the University of Cincinnati, then known as the Medical College of Ohio, and in due time was graduated from that institution with the class of 1878 with the degree of M. D. For the three years immediately following his graduation, Doctor King gained invaluable experience as an interne at the Columbus State hospital, and for the subsequent three years acted in the capacity of assistant superintendent of the Cleveland State hospital. The success which met his efforts in these two connections and the ability with which he discharged his several duties was reflected in his being offered the position of superintendent of the Dayton State hospital. He accepted and held this office for six years, resigning to enter upon a private practice. Dr. King is a member of the Montgomery County Medical society, the Miami Valley Medical society, the Ohio State Medical society, and the American Medical association. He belongs to Mystic Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and also to the Dayton City club. On September 30, 1885, Doctor King was united in marriage with Louise Robinson, a daughter of Lewis C. Robinson of Portsmouth, Ohio. Doctor and Mrs. King had one son, Clive Wills, who was killed by the premature explosion of one of the large guns at Fortress Monroe on July 1, 1910, while attending the officers' school there. Doctor King has always given his support to those measures which he thought would prove to be of benefit to the public in general, and is recognized as possessing the qualities conspicuous in the best citizenship.

Perry King. As lifelong residents of Montgomery county, Mr. and Mrs. Perry King are so well known to the people of this part of the Miami valley and particularly to those living in Perry township, that they need no introduction, but it may not be supererogatory to state that throughout the period of their careers they have been exponents of the best that is to be found in agriculture and of the highest type of citizenship. Perry King was born in Pyrmont in Montgomery county, September 12, 1871, third in order of birth of the three sons and two daughters born to James and Susan (Campbell) King. Six children are living and all are residents of Montgomery county except Flora May, wife of A. J. Hamilton, of

Eldorado, Preble county, a merchant, who has two children—Harvey, an agriculturist, and Jesse G., a draughtsman, with C. F. Kettering, of Dayton. James King was born in Rockingham county, Va., March 15, 1828, and died February 8, 1913. He was six years of age when his parents came to Ohio, and he was educated in the public schools and reared as an agriculturist. His career was begun at the bottom of the ladder, and he even had to cut cord wood to pay the cost of the first ax he used, but was a man of great energy and determination, and made a success of his agricultural operations, eventually accumulating a farm of 235 acres. He was a man of honor and integrity, and first an old line Whig and later a Republican, and he and Mrs. King were members of the United Brethren church, the early meetings of which in this locality were conducted in his parents' home. Later he aided in the erection of the church, and was a class leader, in addition to being superintendent of the Sunday school for a number of years. Mrs. King was born July 9, 1844, in Montgomery county, and is still living at Pyrmont, bright and active and a useful and interested worker in the church. The lineage of the Kings runs back to England, and members of the family fought in the War of 1812. Perry King is one of Perry township's citizens of the highest character. He secured a good education in his youth, supplementing his common school training by much reading, and has been a teacher in the township six terms, as well as a salesman in a general store, although the major portion of his career has been devoted to the pursuits of agriculture. He was married November 12, 1893, to Imo Tobey, and to this union there have been born two daughters: Rena M., educated in the graded schools and one year in high school, and an active worker in the United Brethren church and Sunday school, and now the wife of Orville L. Wysong, a successful young agriculturist of Preble county, with one son—Perry Frederick; and Ruth Susan, a bright and progressive student of the sixth grade in the public schools, who has taken special instruction in the development of her talent as an instrumental musician. Mrs. King was born January 21, 1875, a daughter of Perry Austin and Catherine (Shaw) Tobey, natives of Ohio, the latter of whom died when Mrs. King was but fourteen years of age. Mrs. King is the only representative of the Tobey family, which has had many notable family reunions, and at the one held in 1916, one of the features of interest was the rendering of a poem, a literary gem, composed by Aunt Nettie Tobey, eighty years of age. The grandfather of Mrs. King was a native of Maryland and a minister in the United Brethren church. Mrs. King was educated in the public schools at Pyrmont, and has stood faithfully by her husband's side in his struggles to secure prosperity, and in the establishment of their contented and happy home. Their first farm was in Preble county, a tract of eighty acres, in the securing of which they went into debt for almost two-thirds of the value of the property. After five years they disposed of this land, and in 1903 came to Perry township, Montgomery county, and lived in Pyrmont one year. They then located on their present farm, a tract of 104 acres, beginning heavily in debt. This indebtedness has all been cleared off, and in addition in 1919 they are the owners of ninety acres of

good land in Preble county. Most of the buildings on the home farm have been erected by them, and the general air of prosperity which hovers over the property gives ample evidence of the presence of good management and progressive methods. Mr. King is a stalwart Republican in his political views and has been since he cast his first presidential vote for Benjamin Harrison. Officially he has rendered valuable services to his township, having been township trustee one term and a member of the board of education for four years, a position in which he assisted in the elevation of the school system. He was Republican county central committeeman of his district for six years, and is accounted one of the valuable men of his party in his locality. Mr. and Mrs. King are active and helpful members of the United Brethren church, where Mr. King is chorister, general steward, class leader and a member of the board of trustees, and Mrs. King is secretary of the Women's Missionary society. In various public-spirited movements Mr. King has taken an active part, particularly in the movement which brought about the building up of the Pyrmont & Brookville pike, which is a credit to the county and the citizens thereof. The King home is a hospitable one, where friend or stranger can always be sure of a hearty and cordial welcome.

Robert Snyder King. One of the progressive and energetic business men Dayton still claims, whose activities, however, have long extended over a territory much wider than that embraced within the confines of that city, is Robert Snyder King, president of the Refiners Oil company. Since the time he left college halls Mr. King has been identified in one or another capacity with the oil business, and there are few men better known, just as there are few better informed, in the trade in Ohio. A native son of Dayton, Mr. King was born July 21, 1888, a son of Robert Newton and Harriet (Snyder) King. His father, a native of Massachusetts, came to Dayton as a young man and was long prominent in business circles, being president of the Smith-Vaile company, but is now retired. Mrs. King was born in Dayton and belongs to one of the old and honored families of this city. Robert Snyder King received his early education in Miss Thomas' private school, at Dayton, following which he attended Hotchkiss school, and graduated from Yale university with the class of 1909. He then took a course in the Sheffield Scientific school, and when that was completed went to Bartlesville, Okla., in the center of a rich oil country, and for four years was engaged in oil producing. His next venture was the purchase of the State Oil company, at Lincoln, Nebr., of which he was the active resident head at Lincoln for two years, and of which he is still the president. In 1915 Mr. King returned to Dayton, and in December of that year founded and established the Refiners Oil company, in company with several other young and enthusiastic business men of Dominant Dayton. He became president of the new concern, which was capitalized at $25,000; R. N. King became vice-president, and W. E. Talbot, secretary and treasurer, and the company began the refining and distribution of all kinds of petroleum products. At that time five people were employed, and the business headquarters were located at Huffman and St. Paul ave-

nues. Early in the year 1917 the company increased its capital stock to $100,000, although maintaining the same list of officials. How the business has grown may be seen in the fact that instead of five people ninety-five are now employed, in addition to ten traveling salesmen, who cover a territory extending between the cities of Cincinnati and Columbus. The main offices are at 315 Main street, with branch offices at Springfield and Hamilton, Ohio, and branch stations at Sidney, Hamilton, Springfield, London, Middletown, Xenia, Cincinnati, St. Marys and Piqua. Mr. King is a member of the First Baptist church. His social connections are with the Buz Fuz and Country clubs of Dayton, and in addition he has a number of important business and civic connections, although his own business interests demand the greater part of his attention. He was married October 5, 1910, to Miss Helen Slack, daughter of L. M. and Harriet (Keeler) Slack, of New York City, and to this union there have come three children: Robert Snyder, jr., born in 1914, and Helen and Louis, twins, born in 1917.

Arthur M. Kittredge, who is president and treasurer of the Kay & Ess company, manufacturers of paints and varnishes at Dayton, is a representative business man of this city and a citizen of marked worth. He has been honorably associated for years with business enterprises and his able administration of all affairs coming under his jurisdiction has been beneficial to all interests concerned. He belongs to an old Dayton family and was born in this city January 9, 1854. His parents were Oliver and Julia Ann (Estabrook) Kittredge. Oliver Kittredge came to Dayton from Massachusetts in 1838. At first he taught school and later, under Postmaster Cathcart, served as assistant for several years and then embarked in the agricultural implement business which he continued until the Civil war. During that struggle he served in the Hospital corps, and after the close of the war was with the firm of Greer & King until he retired from active life. He died January 9, 1904, having survived his wife, who died February 17, 1900. After completing his school attendance, Arthur M. Kittredge was apprenticed to the sheet metal trade and worked at the same until 1877, when he accepted a position as bookkeeper in a wholesale house, where he remained for two years and then accepted a more lucrative position as traveling salesman for a shoe factory and continued on the road for four years. In January, 1884, Mr. Kittredge became identified as a traveling salesman with the Barney & Smith Manufacturing company, of which, in February, 1886, he became assistant superintendent, and in September, 1888, he was made superintendent. His business importance and responsibilities continued to increase and in January, 1900, he became vice-president of the company and in November, 1908, he accepted the presidency and continued the directing head of that concern until April 17, 1912, when he came to the Kay & Ess company as its head. The Kay & Ess company was established May 1, 1900, by A. M. Kittredge, Harvey G. Kittredge and Arthur L. Kittredge, the business being incorporated for $25,000, to manufacture paints and varnish. The officers under incorporation were: A. M. Kittredge, president and treasurer; H. G. Kittredge, secretary, and A. L. Kittredge, assistant

secretary. Arthur L. Kittredge died October 4, 1908. The first location of the plant was on Huffman avenue and St. Paul street, but the quarters there soon grew inadequate and ground was secured on the corner of Kiser and Leo streets, on which the present commodious buildings were erected and have been occupied since the fall of 1906. Employment is afforded forty people at the plant and five traveling salesmen and as many special agencies cover the entire country. This company manufactures for railroads and handles large contracts. Its capital stock has been increased to $125,000. Since severing his business relations with the Barney & Smith Car company Mr. Kittredge has given his attention closely to the affairs of the Kay & Ess. He has financial interests in various directions and is a director of the Dayton National bank and also of the Miami Loan & Building association, and owns and operates a large farm in Wayne township. In his political views he is a Republican. He is a member of the First Presbyterian church and an elder in that body, and has been one of the strong supporters of the Y. M. C. A. from the beginning and at one time served as its president. In him the Greater Dayton association has an enthusiastic member and his enterprising spirit is additionally indicated through his membership in the Aero Club of America. He belongs also to the Dayton and the Dayton Country clubs, the Railway and the Machinery clubs, of New York, and to the Ohio Society of New York, the National Agricultural society and the Chamber of Commerce of U. S. He was married in October, 1875, to Miss Mary Jeanette Broadwell, who is a daughter of John Broadwell, an old resident of Dayton. They have had four children: Harvey G., Arthur L., Jeanette and Helen L. Arthur L. is deceased. The elder daughter is the wife of T. J. Watson, who is president of the Computing, Tabulating & Recording company, of New York city.

Ora B. Kneisly, D. D. S. For twenty years a member of the dental fraternity of Dayton, Dr. Ora B. Kneisly occupies a position of marked preferment among the practitioners of this city, who have long been noted for their proficiency in the principles and practice of their difficult calling. While he is thoroughly familiar with all branches of his profession, it is in the department of oral dental surgery that he has become particularly well known, and in this branch has assumed the standing of a recognized specialist and authority. Doctor Kneisly was born July 23, 1878, at Osborn, Greene county, Ohio, a son of John A. Kneisly, a lifelong resident and business man of Osborn, and a grandson of John Kneisly who settled and built Kneisly station, now known as Simms, and received his early education in the public schools of that city. He then took a course in the University of Cincinnati, following which he entered the Ohio Medical university, from which he was graduated in 1900, and in July of the same year established his office at Dayton. During the years of 1905-18 he was attending dental surgeon at the Old Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan home at Xenia, meanwhile retaining his office at Dayton, where, as noted, he has specialized in oral surgery with much success. His offices, at suite No. 1101-2 Conover building, are fully equipped with the latest and most highly improved appliances and appurtenances known to modern dentistry,

and his acknowledged skill, thorough and comprehensive knowledge, unfailing gentleness and marked courtesy have combined to make him popular with his large and constantly growing patronage. Doctor Kneisly is a member of the Miami Valley Dental society, the Ohio State Dental society and the National Dental association, also a member of the staff of St. Elizabeth's hospital, Dayton, and Old Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan home volunteer medical staff, and holds membership in the Xi Phi college fraternity. He has taken an active and constructive interest in civic affairs, being the organizer of the Federated Improvement association in 1908, of which he has since been president, and is a member of the charter commission which drafted the city charter, and also belongs to the Y. M. C. A. and the Rubicon club. He is supreme warder of the Royal League, and a member of the Modern Brotherhood of America, and is extremely popular in professional and fraternal circles. December 25, 1905, Doctor Kneisly was united in marriage with Bessie, daughter of George Backus, Cincinnati.

William V. Knoll. Mr. Knoll, a Kansan by nativity, and one of Dayton's energetic business men, was born in the city of Wichita, October 5, 1889, a son of William Knoll. He was still a child when brought to Dayton, and here his literary education was obtained in the public schools, this being followed by a business training in Jacobs Commercial college. At the completion of his course he became private secretary for J. H. Patterson, a position which he retained for one and one-half years, and when he left Mr. Patterson it was to become associated in a like capacity with Col. H. G. Catrow, of the Dayton Electrical Manufacturing company, and is now its acting secretary and treasurer. This business was organized about 1890 by Vincent C. Apple and Col. H. G. Catrow, in the Beaver Power building, at 35 St. Clair street, South, Dayton, and from that location was removed to larger quarters at Fifth and Norwood streets, and finally to the United Brethren Power building, where it is now located. The original personnel of the concern remained unchanged until 1905 or 1906, at which time Mr. Apple disposed of his interests and withdrew from the company to become the founder and organizer of the Apple Electric company. Colonel Catrow at that time became president and Robert Hubler, secretary and treasurer, and the business was incorporated for $50,000. In November, 1917, Colonel Catrow and Vincent C. Apple bought the corporation, and the officers at that time became as at present: Col. H. G. Catrow, president; Vincent C. Apple, vice-president and general manager; William V. Knoll, secretary and treasurer, and Charles F. Emminger, director of sales. The concern is incorporated for $125,000 and employs 100 people in its plant, where are manufactured the Dayton starting and lighting system for Ford cars; motor boat starting systems and belt-driven country home lighting systems, and the Dayton ignition dynamo. Vincent C. Apple is the inventor and patentee of the low voltage dynamo floating storage battery systems, from which originated all electric lighting and starting systems for automobiles and motor boats. The Dayton Electrical Manufacturing company started to manufacture as its first product the Apple igniter for gas engines, and some of these useful and

ingenious little articles are still in use and in good condition after twenty-seven years of service. While Mr. Knoll did not enter upon his career in the business in which he is now engaged, he is thoroughly conversant with all its features, and applies his knowledge in an intelligent way to the detail work of his official positions. He has a number of social and civic connections and is popular with those who have made his acquaintance. Mr. Knoll was married to Dorothy M. Pflum, of Dayton.

Clarence Henry Knowles. While Clarence Henry Knowles has been identified with the Knowles Tool Manufacturing company for only a comparatively short period, his experience in similar lines has been varied and extensive and his connections have been important in character and valuable in their training. In the dual capacity of vice-president and general manager of his present firm he has contributed greatly to its success and is rapidly bringing it forward as one of Dayton's ambitious and growing concerns. Mr. Knowles was born at Bethel, Conn., June 17, 1881, and received his education in the public schools of that place. Following the laying aside of his school books, he spent six years at Waterbury, in his native state, as a machinist and draughtsman, then went to Detroit, Mich., and identified himself with the Cadillac Motor Car company, in the designing department for one year. In June, 1906, he came to Dayton and accepted a position in the tool designing department of the National Cash Register company, but later resigned to go to the Republic Motor Car company, at Hamilton, Ohio, as chief engineer, a capacity in which he continued for five years. Returning to Dayton, he became chief engineer of the City Machine and Tool works for one and one-half years, and in September, 1918, became one of the founders of the Knowles Tool Manufacturing company, of which he became vice-president and general manager, his associates in that venture being, as at present, Harry Gerstner, president; Philip Haas, treasurer; and John F. Stickel, secretary. The business is incorporated for $25,000, and employs forty people in the manufacture of tools, dies, jigs and fixtures. The plant, with its modern equipment and excellent facilities, and 10,000 square feet of floor space, was engaged in 100 per cent Government production during the period of the recent great war. Mr. Knowles is also vice-president of the Hatfield Heat Treating company, of Dayton, and has other equally important connections. He is a member of Aero Lodge, No. 648, A. F. & A. M., of this city. January 14, 1909, Mr. Knowles was united in marriage with Jessie, daughter of Jesse Smith, of Dayton, and to this union there have been born two daughters: Virginia Helen and Jeanette Beatrice.

Fallis Trebein Knuth. Dayton, like other communities, is indebted in many ways, to the younger generation of educated business men. Their energy and enterprise, their vitality and ambition give an impetus to their activities that are invaluable. A prominent representative of this younger body of business men at Dayton is Fallis Trebein Knuth, who is officially identified with several important manufacturing concerns of this city. Mr. Knuth was born at Troy, Ohio, January 29, 1895, son of William F. and Jennie (Fallis) Knuth. After completing the public school course at Day-

ton, Mr. Knuth decided to enter the field of business and prepared for the same by securing a commercial education in Jacobs Commercial college. For some time afterward Mr. Knuth was bookkeeper for the Burkhardt Packing company, going from there to the Comer Manufacturing company, of which he became secretary and treasurer in January, 1919, his business ability being further recognized by his election to the vice-presidency of the Fabric Manufacturing company at a later date. April 8, 1917, he married Helen Ruth, daughter of Samuel and Bertha Jackson, old residents of Dayton.

Clarence W. Koch. The reputation of the men prominent in the field of plumbing and heating is not made in a day, unusual achievements in this field demanding not only natural abilities, but thorough preparation and energetic application during an extended period. However, of Clarence W. Koch it may be said that his advancement has been remarkably rapid and that the position which he occupies as secretary and assistant treasurer of the William Haas company of Dayton has been secured through the possession of the necessary qualifications. Mr. Koch was born at Dayton, August 26, 1892, a son of Louis Koch, also a native of this city. The father was a machinist by trade and for some years a foreman at the Platt Iron works, and is now deceased. Clarence W. Koch was educated in the public schools of Dayton, and when still a lad entered the employ of P. &. W. Haas, in the capacity of errand boy. He was so industrious and made himself so useful to his employers, that he was advanced to the post of bookkeeper, and when the William Haas company was incorporated January 1, 1918, became secretary and assistant treasurer. The other officials of this $60,000 concern are: William Haas, president and treasurer; John G. Haas, first vice-president and Charles W. Ringelspaugh, second vice-president. Mr. Koch's executive force is one of the causes of his continuous advancement with this company, which has handled some of Dayton's exceedingly large plumbing, ventilating and heating contracts, as is his ability to manage varied and complicated interests successfully, without friction or confusion. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Present Day club and Dayton Association of Credit Men and is also a member of St. Luke's Evangelical church and at this time is secretary of the Sunday school.

Harry Koeller. The large and varied interests which have engrossed the time and talents of Harry Koeller have brought him to the front among the progressive business men of Dayton, with the concerns of which city he has been prominently identified for the past several years. Almost from the start of his career he has been interested in land dealing, and today The Brotherline Realty and Business Brokerage company, of which he is the owner, is one of the widely known realty concerns and brokerage houses of the city. Mr. Koeller's extensive connections have naturally made him an extremely busy man, yet he has never found himself too actively employed in his own affairs to neglect the interests of his city. A review of his career shows that it has been one marked by constant advancement, well-directed effort and a sharply defined appreciation of the duties of citizenship. Mr. Koeller was born on a farm in

Darke county, Ohio, August 20, 1887, and is a son of Charles Koeller, who was for many years engaged in agricultural pursuits in that section of the Buckeye state. The district schools of his native community and the high school at Brookville, O., furnished Harry Koeller with his educational training, and as a youth he left the homestead and adopted the vocation of teaching, in which he was engaged for three terms, in the meanwhile applying himself to farming in the summer months. In 1907 he came to Dayton, where he became connected with the firm of Wampler-Watson Real Estate company, this being his first experience in the line in which he was later to make such a success. After a short period spent with this concern he returned to the country, and for four years was engaged in truck farming. This, however, did not appeal to his business nature, and eventually he returned to Dayton, where he secured employment with the City Railway company and continued in its service for eighteen months. He next embarked in the grocery business on his own account, and for one and one-half years conducted an establishment, but during all this time had never lost his interest in realty matters and continued to be on the lookout for an opportunity to engage therein. This came in 1915 when he entered The Brotherline Realty and Business Brokerage company. This concern had been established in 1905, by T. H. Brotherline, who had conducted it as a private concern until 1914. In that year the founder had sold a one-half interest to L. R. and Roy Kirkpatrick, and the business had been incorporated for $10,000. In 1915 H. Koeller purchased the interests of Mr. Brotherline, and subsequently Lawrence Kirkpatrick left the concern, which, in 1916, became the sole property of Mr. Koeller when he bought the interest of Roy Kirkpatrick. The company, under Mr. Koeller's management handles city and farm real estate and does a general brokerage business, and has become one of the leading concerns of its kind at Dayton. The owner is an excellent judge of land values and his experience and acumen have made him one to look to for counsel and advice in matters pertaining to his field of endeavor. He has a wide acquaintance at Dayton, and is accounted an enterprising and energetic business man, as well as a public-spirited citizen. Mr. Koeller was married March 31, 1907, at Potsdam, O., to Miss Olive Altic, daughter of Lazarus Altic, an agriculturist of Miami county, O. Four children, all at home, have been born to this union: Hollis, Homer, Hugh and Helen.

Edward L. Kohnle. In the person of Edward L. Kohnle, who in recent years has become well known to the manufacturing trade at Dayton, is linked the Gem City of the past and Dominant Dayton of the future. One of the younger generation of business men, he is a son of Fred Kohnle, president of the Monarch Tag company and a man of pronounced standing and worth in business affairs. Edward L. Kohnle was born at Dayton, February 6, 1892, and secured his early education in the graded schools and the Steele high school. He next attended the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated with the class of 1915, and at that time identified himself with the Monarch Tag company. His career was temporarily interrupted by the great world war, and in May,

1918, he secured a second lieutenant's commission and was assigned to the Coast Artillery, at Fort Monroe, Virgina. In December, 1918, he received his honorable discharge and returned to his duties at the Monarch Tag company, of which he is now purchasing agent and has charge of the repair department and the final testing department. Mr. Kohnle is well known and popular in social circles of the city and is a valued member of the Exchange club and of the Kappa Sigma fraternity. June 21, 1916, he married Esther, daughter of Erasmus Bridge, of Franklin, Ohio.

Robert Charles Kohnle. The business experience of Robert Charles Kohnle, of Dayton, has included several lines of activity and has been broad in its range. In the several capacities in which he has acted he has gained thorough training of great value to him in the proper handling of the details pertaining to his present office as superintendent of the Monarch Tag company, one of Dayton's fast-growing industries. Mr. Kohnle was born at Dayton, April 9, 1887, a son of Fred Kohnle, who is president of the concern mentioned, and an influential business man. After attending public and private schools, Robert C. Kohnle pursued a course at Ohio State university, and then went to Chicago, where he secured a position in the wholesale house of Marshall Field & Company, as a general salesman. Returning to Dayton in 1910, he entered the employ of Harvey & Company, gents' furnishings, and remained with that house until 1912, when he became identified with the Monarch Tag company, of the plant of which he is now superintendent. He is an energetic and thorough-going man whose business affairs are given his chief attention, but who is also socially inclined and a member of the Kiwanis club and the Alpha Gamma Rho and Sigma Pi fraternities. He was married June 4, 1913, to Margaretta, daughter of Jacob Baldner, of Xenia, Ohio, and they are the parents of one child, Mary Louise.

Donald A. Kohr. For nearly twenty years Donald A. Kohr has been a progressive, and for much of that period, a prominent factor in the business activities of Dayton. His standing as a business man is firm and broad and as a citizen he has found time to associate himself with other public-spirited men in the promulgation and advancement of beneficial movements. He was born at Fort Wayne, Ind., March 28, 1877, and as a child was taken to Westerville, Ohio, where he received his early education in the public schools. Later he attended Otterbein university, and then entered Ohio State university, from which he was graduated in 1898, with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. For two years thereafter he taught chemistry at that institution and then became a student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and received the degree of Bachelor of Science in the class of 1901. At that time Mr. Kohr came to Dayton and became a chemist in the employ of the Lowe Brothers company, a concern with which he has since been identified, and of which he is now secretary and assistant general manager. His excellent reputation in business circles of Dayton has been gained through the display and exercise of abilities beyond the ordinary. Mr. Kohr is a member of Westminster Presbyterian church, the Y. M. C. A. and the Engineers club, the American Chemical so-

ciety, the American Society of Testing Materials, and the Chamber of Commerce. He is also prominent socially, and holds membership in the Dayton Country and Community clubs. November 26, 1903, Mr. Kohr married Miss Elizabeth Raine, of Cincinnati, and they are the parents of four children: Donald A., jr., Robert D., James R. and Sarah Elizabeth.

Anthony H. Kramer. Dealing with the business histories of those who have contributed to the development and growth of the various interests of Dominant Dayton is a task which leads through many and diverse avenues of usefulness and gives truth and emphasis to the fact that those who have attained positions of more or less prominence are those who have been called upon to fight their own way through the battles and hardships of business existence. In this class undoubtedly stands Anthony H. Kramer, president of the Advance Foundry company, and a member of that fraternity of individuals who are of the type known as self-made. Mr. Kramer was born at Dayton, O., November 7, 1874, a son of William Kramer. His father, a native of Germany, emigrated to the United States in young manhood, and in 1866 located at Sidney, O., where he found employment at the carpenter's trade, a vocation which he had mastered in his native land. He was married at Sidney to Miss Mary Krumm, and about 1868 they came to Dayton, where Mr. Kramer continued to follow his trade for several years. In 1874 he entered the employ of the Barney & Smith Car works, as foreman of the passenger truck department, and held that position until the time of his retirement in 1911. Since then he has lived quietly in his comfortable Dayton home in the enjoyment of the various conveniences and rewards gained through many years of honest and industrious toil. Mrs. Kramer died November 8, 1917, in the faith of St. Mary's Catholic church, of which her husband is also a member, he being likewise affiliated with the Knights of St. John. Anthony H. Kramer was given his education at St. Mary's parochial school and St. Mary's college, Dayton, from which latter institution he was graduated with the class of 1888. At that time he accepted a position with the Stomps-Burkhardt company, of Dayton, and when he left their employ was connected with the Dayton Screw company for a time. His next experience was gained with the William Hass Bicycle company, and later he was on the pay-roll of the Farmers Friend foundry, conducted by Kuhns Brothers. Leaving that concern, he went with the Zimmerman-Wislowski Foundry company, then the Eureka Foundry company, and subsequently the Platt Iron works. After a short experience with the Ohio Foundry company, he took charge of a plant at Indianapolis, but in 1904 returned to Dayton, where he became identified with the Advance Foundry company, of which concern he is at this time the president. The business now known under this name was founded in 1904 as a co-partnership by Thomas M. Sweetman, Will J. Rosencranc and George A. Engel. The plant was located on the east side of Harshman street, opposite Crane, but this was destroyed by fire in 1907, and Mr. Rosencranc, after the settlement, dropped out of the firm. When the business was incorporated as the Advance Foundry company, for $25,000, the following officers were elected: Thomas M. Sweetman, president; Al-

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bert Freudenberger, vice-president; G. A. Engel, treasurer; and Anthony H. Kramer, secretary. From that time to the present the business has grown by leaps and bounds, and at this time is incorporated for $200,000, the officers being: Anthony H. Kramer, president; Albert Freundenberger, vice-president; G. A. Engel, treasurer; and Alfred Schneble, secretary. The product of this company consists of all kinds of iron and semi-steel castings, and eighty people are given constant employment. During the period of the war the plant was entirely given over to work for the United States Government. The new plant, just completed on Huffman Hill, is modern in every respect, and its buildings include the foundry, 200 by 100 feet; the pattern building, two floors, 48 by 70 feet, and the flask and carpenter shop, 40 by 50 feet. Mr. Kramer, in the presidential position has displayed unusual commercial ability and has demonstrated that his training was thorough and comprehensive. Few men have shown better executive ability and few are more active in business circles. He belongs to the Kewanis, Urban and Richard clubs, and to the Greater Dayton association, while his fraternal affiliations include membership in the Knights of Columbus and the Knights of St. John. With his family, he belongs to St. Mary's Catholic church. Mr. Kramer was married June 21, 1899, to Miss Emma E. Walz, daughter of Theodore H. Walz, of Dayton, and they have had four children: Hildreth M., who is deceased; Wilbur A. and George A., residing with their parents; and Howard W., deceased.

Bernard Henry Kramer. The diversity of interests that contribute to the business importance of Dayton, have largely to do with manufacturing, and because of favorable conditions in this section, the metal industries are leading factors in the city's productions and commerce. The foundry interests are very important and a representative business house in this line is the Kramer Bros. Foundry company, of which Bernard Henry Kramer is vice-president. He has spent almost his entire life at Dayton but was born in the city of Cincinnati, November 8, 1862. His parents, Bernard Henry and Elizabeth (Hammond) Kramer, were born in Germany but came as young people to the United States. They lived for a time in Cincinnati but in 1864 came to Dayton and spent their subsequent years here. For some years Bernard Henry Kramer was connected with the old Phillip House and then learned the foundry business and followed the same during his active years. He died in 1908. Bernard Henry Kramer attended the public schools and made his first effort at self-support by working in a bakery but finally went to work in the foundry of the Phoenix Iron works and learned the business. His brothers also became foundrymen and later, with George H. and Joseph F., Bernard Henry Kramer started a foundry in Dayton and the business is still continued under the style the Kramer Bros. Foundry company, although Joseph F. Kramer withdrew from the firm and went into business for himself at Miamisburg, O. Mr. Kramer has always been considered a man of sound judgment and is of unquestioned business integrity. He is a member of the Second Church of Christ, Scientist. He was married first to Miss Sadie Tannruther and after her death married Miss Cynthia Hook. Mrs. Kramer is survived by one son, Owen Kenneth, who

is at home. Mr. Kramer's third marriage was to Miss Catherine Lewis.

Frank W. Krehbiel. While it is certainly true that a large and constantly growing community like Dayton offers many and widely diversified opportunities for advancement along every line of personal endeavor, yet it is also a fact that only a certain small percentage of individuals achieve distinction and that a large number fail to achieve even mediocrity. More than mere opportunity is necessary to elevate the average man's labors from the level of every-day accomplishments, and if he does not possess within him the divine spark of genius for his work he will continue to remain with the great majority of humanity. The profession of law has many devotees at Dayton who have all been given an even opportunity of achieving material success and personal prestige, but only a certain number have possessed the ability to do so. Among these, one who has practiced at the Dayton bar for the past twelve years and who during that time has achieved an enviable reputation in the ranks of his calling is Frank W. Krehbiel. Mr. Krehbiel is a native Ohioan, having been born at Pomeroy, April 4, 1877, a son of Dr. Andrew J. and Louise (Kiefer) Krehbiel. Dr. Andrew J. Krehbiel is also a professional man and is well known in Dayton. He was born in Cleveland, where in young manhood he took up the vocation of pharmacist, and subsequently studied medicine and became a practitioner thereof. In 1886 he came to Dayton, where he established himself in practice as a physician, and became one of the well known men of his profession in the city. He remained as a member of that calling until his retirement in his later years. Doctor Krehbiel is a man who is held in confidence and esteem, a good citizen and a man of standing in medical circles. Frank W. Krehbiel was about nine years of age when brought to Dayton by his parents, and here he finished the primary education that he had started in the public schools of Cincinnati. When it came time for him to choose a career, he decided upon the profession of law as one in which to win position and fortune, and in order prepare himself attended the Ohio State university, from which he was graduated in 1904. Following this, he continued his studies at the Cincinnati Law school, from which well-known institution he was graduated in 1906, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, was admitted to the bar shortly thereafter, and immediately entered practice. He has formed no associations, but has continued to practice alone, his business being general in nature and his clientele large and representative and taking him into all the courts, including the highest federal tribunal. A man of deeds rather than words, except when before a court, Mr. Krehbiel is working out a very successful career. His capability in his profession is placing him in an enviable position, and his connection with any case insures honorable, conscientious work, from the time of its acceptance until it is entirely completed and the last verdict rendered. As a citizen he has been loyal and true to the city of his adoption and residence, takes great pride in its advancement, and looks forward to the time when Greater Dayton will be something more than a name and a promise. He belongs to the Montgomery County Bar association and the Ohio State Bar association,

to the Commercial League of America, and to several clubs, fraternities and civic bodies. Mr. Krehbiel was married October 4, 1907, to Miss Ethel Haines, daughter of Thomas Haines of Dayton, and to this union there has been born one son: Franklin Eugene.

John W. Kreitzer. In the allotments of human life, it is seldom that nature, no matter how generous her mood at the time, bestows upon one individual the talents for marked success in two separate and distinct avenues of activity. This applies more particularly to the existence of today, where competition is so strenuous and specializing such a common practice as to make it practically impossible for a man to be a leader in more than one calling. Yet there are exceptions which prove every rule, and one to which attention is here called is found in the career of Hon. John W. Kreitzer, one of the leading members of the Dayton bar, as well as president of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Dayton. Judge Kreitzer's career is a particularly worthy one He belongs unequivocally to the self-made class, and his early experience, like that of a number of other leaders among the attorneys of the Miami valley, included several years spent in the school room in the capacity of instructor. In both of his vocations his record is a clean and honorable one, without the hint of stain or blemish. John W. Kreitzer was born on a farm in Jackson township, Montgomery county, O., January 17, 1852, and is a son of William Kreitzer, a worthy and industrious farmer of that locality, where he was an early settler. The youth grew up as did most farmers' sons of his day, passing a part of his boyhood in assisting in the work of the homestead and most of the rest of it in attending the local schools. Later he was given a course at the Germantown high school. Following this he returned to his home and resumed his activities in tilling the soil. Farming, however, did not appeal to the ambitious nature of the youth, and in searching around for something to satisfy him he decided upon teaching and forthwith secured his certificate and was given a school. His teaching experiences covered a period of six years, but not all of this time was devoted to the instruction of the scholars in his classes, for it was while he was engaged in educational work that he first became interested in the study of law. At first his study of the profession had no definite shape, but eventually he entered into the subject with characteristic energy and interest and eventually was admitted to the bar. He soon made quite a reputation for himself in his profession, and at Farmersville was chosen justice of the peace, a position which he filled for several years. Later, he was elected judge of the Probate Court of Montgomery county, and held his place on the bench with dignity and capability for three years, from February 9, 1890, to February 9, 1893. Upon his retirement from his judicial position, Judge Kreitzer came to Dayton and entered actively into the practice of his profession, in which he soon assumed a position of prominence. After he had carried on his business alone for a time, he was joined in a partnership by his son, but after a short period the latter went to Oklahoma, and the Judge still continues in a general law business, with offices at North Main and Second streets. His business is large and of important character, including the handling of all legal matters for the West Side Build-

ing and Loan association, of which concern he is attorney, and for some years he has limited his practice only to the extent of what business he has cared to handle. Yet in the meanwhile he has been able to take a commanding position in financial circles and to ably and successfully direct the policies of one of the city's best known financial institutions, the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Dayton, of which he is president. Judge Kreitzer is one of the valued members of the Montgomery County Bar association, the Ohio Bar association and the American Bar association, and also holds membership on the board of directors of the Montgomery County Law library. He is a Democrat in his political views, belongs to the Lutheran church, is a Mason fraternally, and a loyal and public-spirited citizen who has been hearty and useful in his support of worthy movements of every character. Judge Kreitzer was married May 2, 1871, to Miss Emma Pofferbarger, daughter of Daniel Pofferbarger, of Farmersville, O., and to this union there have been born the following children: Oscar, a well known accountant and lumberman of New York city; Dorsey, who is an attorney and vice-president and cashier of the First National bank of Marshfield, Ore.; Herbert E., an attorney and resident of Dayton; and Parl, city general manager for Dayton of the Computing Scale company.

Samuel Kress. Throughout his business career Samuel Kress has been identified with concerns which have made a specialty of dealing in men's clothing, and the establishment which now bears his name has built up an extensive reputation and business at Dayton in the handling of clothing, hats and men's furnishings. Mr. Kress is a typical self-made man. His beginnings were small and he had to rely upon his own ability and resource, but his ambitions were great and his determination strong, and with these to assist, guide and influence him, his industry and good business management have resulted in the acquirement of success and business prestige. Born on a farm in Monroe township, Darke county, Ohio, September 28, 1868. Mr. Kress is a son of the late John M. Kress. His boyhood was passed in agricultural pursuits as an assistant to his father, but at the age of sixteen years he left home and went to Baltimore, Md., where he attended the private school of Professor Knapp for two years. He then went to Greenville, Ohio, where he secured employment with M. Huhn, a clothier and tailor and dealer in men's furnishings, and remained with him until his ambitions led him to Dayton, in 1890. For five years thereafter he was employed by the Manhattan Clothing company, and then returned to Mr. Mose Cohen a prominent clothier in his time and continued with him for thirteen years. He at that time felt himself qualified to enter business on his own account and bought an interest in the Fashion Shop, but after a short time disposed of his holdings therein and purchased his present business. This had been founded about 1905 by a Mr. Rowe, who continued as proprietor until 1908, when Mr. Kress purchased the business and incorporated it for $10,000, under the name of the Sam Kress company, with himself as president, secretary and treasurer, and S. B. Bigger as vice-president, the location at that time being at No. 15 South Ludlow street. In

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1911 it was found that larger quarters were needed, and Mr. Kress leased the adjoining store, at No. 17, and still occupies both places, which have been combined into a modern and well-appointed establishment. The corporation was dissolved December 31, 1917, and since then Mr. Kress has been the sole owner. Originally the business included the making of clothes to measure, but since 1913 it has been confined to handling ready-to-wear Hickey-Freeman clothes, Crofut, Knapp and Malloy hats and other fine articles of wear, and four people are employed at the present time. "Sam" Kress, as he is known to his intimates, is a man of undoubted business ability, of keen perception, of good judgment and of the strictest integrity. He is an active and valued member of the Retail Merchants association, and his standing is high in business circles where he has numerous important connections, one of which is with the Ohio Savings and Loan association, of which he is a member of the board of directors. He also holds membership in the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, the Y. M. C. A. and the Triangle and Noontide clubs, in which he is very popular, and takes an active part in the busy life surging about him in the twentieth-century city in which he is located. As a fraternalist, he is a Scottish Rite Mason, a Shriner and a Pythian Knight, and he and the members of his family belong to the Westminster Presbyterian church. Mr. Kress was married May 9, 1910, to Jeanette, daughter of S. B. Bigger, of Dayton, and they are the parents of one child, Virginia Margaret, who is attending school.

Stanley M. Krohn. One of the forceful citizens of Dayton, Stanley M. Krohn has always used his business talents in the furtherance of what he has conceived to be for the best interests of the city, merging the two characters of citizen and business man into a high personal combination which has been generally recognized as an example well worthy of emulation. While his business interests are numerous and important, necessitating much close attention, he has always found time to engage in other affairs, particularly those which have attached to the advancement of the city's welfare. Mr. Krohn was born on the Hudson river, at Saugerties, Ulster county, N. Y., February 10, 1874, a son of Moses and Theresa (Bamberger) Krohn. The family moved from the Empire state to Ohio in 1878, settling at Cincinnati, where Moses Krohn engaged in the manufacture of cigars, a business in which he was interested until his death, in 1907. He was also one of the founders, about 1890, with A. H. Reeder, of the Miami Valley Leaf Tobacco company. He was a man of marked business capacity and one who had the highest esteem and confidence of his associates and those who came in contact with him in either a business or personal way. Stanley M. Krohn received his education in the public schools of Cincinnati, and under the teaching of his father mastered the art of cigar making. This he followed, first as an apprentice, later as a journeyman at the bench, and finally as foreman of his father's cigar factory, until 1900, in which year he came to Dayton to become identified as his father's representative in the Miami Leaf Tobacco company. The elder Krohn having died in 1907, and Mr. Reeder disposing of his interest and retiring from the business three years later, Stanley M.

Krohn became the head of this business, which engages in the buying and packing of leaf tobacco. About 100 people are employed in the plant and warehouses are maintained at Dayton and Miamisburg. Mr. Krohn is a member of the Ohio Leaf Tobacco Packers' association and is well and favorably known to the trade throughout the Miami valley. He has various other business connections of importance, and is a director of the Dayton Street Railway company, the Port Arthur Railway company, the Franklin Building and Loan association and the American Cone and Wafer company of Dayton. During his active and honorable business career, public affairs have occupied a large share of his attention, but only as a citizen and not as a politician. He is a member of the finance committee of the Flood Prevention board and was one of the directors and organizers of the Greater Dayton association. He also belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, the Dayton Rotary club and the Y. M. C. A., and is on the council of the Boy Scouts. He is likewise a member of the Dayton and Bicyle clubs, and a Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner. December 14, 1898, Mr. Krohn was married to Minnie, daughter of Julius and Pauline (Strauss) Freiberg, of Cincinnati, and they have four children: Frances Louise, wife of Robert C. Fries of Cincinnati, with one son, Robert G. jr.; Stanley M. jr., Jane and Bettie Ann, who reside with their parents.

Rev. Francis J. Kuenle, the estimable pastor of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, at Dayton, has found ample scope for his characteristic zeal and energy, and has gained for himself an enviable popularity and the well-merited love and esteem of his parishioners. Father Kuenle was born at Dayton, and is a son of Jacob and Theresa (Buechle) Kuenle, who came in 1870 to Dayton, where they still make their home. The early education of Father Kuenle was secured in the Emmanuel parochial school of Dayton, following which he attended St. Joseph's college, at Rensselaer, Ind., and was graduated with the class of 1899. He completed his theological studies at the Mount St. Mary's seminary, Cincinnati, and was ordained June 15, 1904, his first charge being as assistant pastor of Emmanuel church, Dayton, where he remained three years. Following this, for a like period, he was chaplain of St. Elizabeth hospital, and was then made pastor of the Sacred Heart church, of McCarthyville, Ohio. September 1, 1913, he returned to Dayton, as pastor of St. Anthony's church. The church was dedicated December 21st of that year, and in the year following the parochial school was built at a cost of $58,000, while in 1915, the Sisters' residence was purchased. Since coming here Father Kuenle has been the means of many improvements and additions being made in the church and parish, and has been indefatigable in his labors, which have resulted in the organization of all the various church societies. The congregation has shown a steady and continuous growth and in 1918 there were 300 families in the parish, while 315 pupils were enrolled in the parochial school, with eight instructors. By his piety and assiduous attention to the welfare of his flock he has become greatly beloved by his parishioners and the general esteem in which he is held by the people of Dayton testifies to his worth as a constructive and helpful citizen of the community.

William N. Kuhns. In the field of manufacture, no firm enjoys a higher reputation than does that of Kuhns Brothers, of Dayton, makers of cast iron fittings. For more than thirty years this concern has maintained a high standard and has gradually built up a reputation that makes its products considered equal to any other in its line in the world. The business commenced with men of integrity, enthusiasm and progressive ideas, and one of the main organizers of the foundry of Kuhns Brothers was William N. Kuhns, still a member of the co-partnership. His entire business career has been passed in connection with this enterprise, and he makes it his chief interest. Mr. Kuhns is himself strictly a product of Dayton. He was born in this city, February 23, 1859, a son of Benjamin and Mary (Nauman) Kuhns, natives of Pennsylvania who came to the Gem City in 1855. The public schools furnished Mr. Kuhns with his educational training, following which he became associated with his father, who was a manufacturer of grain drills, and under whose guidance he gained experience that was to prove greatly valuable to him in the years to come. In December, 1885, Mr. Kuhns made his initial venture on his own account in the business world, thus establishing the nucleus for the present business. In April, 1888, a co-partnership was formed by G. F., William N. and H. B. Kuhns, and the foundry of Kuhns Brothers started the manufacture of cast iron fittings, sold through jobbers, about fifty people being employed. Later Walter L. Kuhns was admitted to partnership, and when the business had outgrown its old quarters the present plant was erected between Eaton and Germantown avenues, where 86,000 square feet of floor space is available. In 1919 the firm employed 125 people and has a constant and healthy demand for its products. William N. Kuhns is a business man who is alive to progressive ideas, and in keeping with this spirit is an active mover in the Greater Dayton association. He is a Mason of the Scottish Rite and Knight Templar degrees, and is also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. With his family, he belongs to the Reformed Christian church, and movements of a charitable character meet with a ready response from him. Mrs. Kuhns was formerly Miss Minnie Dicks, of Dayton, a daughter of John V. Dicks. One son, Robert W., resides with his parents.

Nicholas J. Kuntz. The lumber interests of the Miami valley are large and important, and as Dayton is a central point favorably situated for the purposes of transportation, this city forms one of the most prominent factors in the continued development and prosperity of the industry. Identified with the business here are a number of men of broad and varied experience in the lumber business, and among these is found Nicholas J. Kuntz, whose entire career has been connected with this form of commercial and industrial endeavor. Mr. Kuntz was born at Greenville, the county seat of Darke county, O., October 9, 1867, a son of Nicholas Kuntz. The elder man was also well known in the lumber industry, in which he was engaged at Greenville for many years as well as at other points, but is now retired from active affairs. The public schools of Greenville furnished Nicholas J. Kuntz with his educational training, and his first business experience came in the lumber business conducted by his father. His inclinations ran in that direction, and he was

given encouragement by the elder man, who taught him carefully the fundamental principles and gave him freely of the fruits of his own experienced knowledge. Mr. Kuntz continued to be associated with his father until 1895, when he joined his uncle, Peter Kuntz, in the same line of business. His first position in this direction was as manager of his uncle's lumber yards at Ohio city, and following this for some years, he moved from place to place, extending a string of yards across this part of the state, in turn building and managing enterprises at Washington Court House, Middletown, Hamilton, Lebanon and finally at Dayton. Mr. Kuntz came to this city in 1916 as manager of yards, but subsequently was made treasurer and manager of the Peter Kuntz Lumber company, which is his present office. Few men in this part of Ohio have a broader knowledge of the industry or of the trade, for his experience has been varied and his training has been comprehensive and complete in every detail. Trained faculties and an enlightened understanding gained through long association with a certain line of endeavor, in these modern days, contribute materially not only to individual success but toward the growth and development of our leading industries, and Mr. Kuntz' careful administration of the affairs placed in his hands has served to benefit the lumber interests and to give them encouragement and impetus. As a citizen, Mr. Kuntz has been prompt and generous in his support of worth-while measures, but he is no politician, and refuses to be guided by the advice of parties, feeling confident of his own abilities to choose the candidates he deems best fitted for the office at stake. He is a member of the Retail Lumber Dealers Association of Ohio and the Retail Lumber Dealers Association of Dayton, and he and his family hold membership in Corpus Christi Catholic church. Mr. Kuntz was married September 28, 1892, at Greenville, to Miss Anna M. Browne, daughter of W. A. Browne, of Greenville, O., and to this union there have been born five children: Esther M., Helen C., Anna, Mary E. and Thomasine.

Peter Kuntz. For many years the late Peter Kuntz was one of the foremost citizens of Dayton. Foremost in one of the country's largest industries, in its public enterprises, in its beneficences, and foremost in the place that he won in the lives and hearts of those who knew him. Such varied accomplishment is an eminent distinction, the realization of a perfect manhood. It is obtainable by the favored few only, those upon whom have been bestowed the fundamental elements of energy, constructive ability and business intuition. All these essential qualities Mr. Kuntz possessed in unlimited degree united with an unbending integrity of character that commanded the confidence of his associates and the public alike and made him a power in the development of the lumber industry. But more than this, no man who attained the success which was achieved by Mr. Kuntz ever had a more remarkable career, and his life story is a rebuke to those who allow misfortunes to discourage them in their efforts. Speaking editorially at the time of his death, a leading Dayton paper summed up his career briefly as follows: "With the death of Peter Kuntz, sr., the final chapter is written in the history of a life which was one of the most remarkable in the annals of

American business careers. It would be hard to pen a more romantic story of a poor boy's rise to a place at the head of one of the country's largest industries than is to be found in the life of the late lumber king. His career was made up of one refusal after another to bow to misfortune. The youngest of ten children born to a poor emigrant, he struggled along until at the age of forty-five he was fairly established in business. Then a disastrous fire brought him back to the starting point, a circumstance which would have daunted almost any other man at that period of life. But Peter Kuntz began again where he had been interrupted and succeeded in amassing a fortune which is estimated away up in the millions. Eccentric he was to a degree, but a more practical man never devoted himself to any industry. He knew the lumber business and he stuck to it exclusively. Until he was overtaken by the illness which caused his death he was the directing genius of the mammoth Kuntz interests scattered throughout the United States, and no detail of the management was too slight for his personal attention. Charitable to an exceptional degree, children were the special objects of his help. Little ones in all sections of the country have lost their best friend in the death of Peter Kuntz Though his charities are known to have been on a most extensive scale, he gave without attracting public attention. In helping others he was as reticent as in the conduct of his business. Despite the cares which beset him in the commercial world, he was a man of deep religious convictions, and on week days as well as on Sundays he was a regular church attendant. His final hours of suffering were lightened by his constant recourse to prayer. The head of a family of ten children, nine of whom survive, his happiest hours were spent in their company. Peter Kuntz was a man whose life was given to struggling against odds and in helping others to do so." Mr. Kuntz was born November 16, 1838, at Mainz, near Bingen, on the Rhine, Germany, and was but three years of age when brought with his nine elder brothers and sisters to the United States by his parents. The father was practically without funds, but Martin Kuntz has the same kind of determination that later characterized his son, and after a few years stay at Lancaster, Pa., pushed on westward to a farm two miles north of Greenville, O., where the childhood days of Peter Kuntz passed, the old homestead still standing there. Like other poor children of his time he was handicapped in his youth by lack of educational advantages, for he received but five weeks' schooling, this consisting of days now and then when the weather would not permit him to work. But the learning which he missed in his boyhood he acquired in later years, for in this, as in other things, he developed. When the time came that he could allow himself to do so, he became a constant reader of important works, a traveler to distant points and an attentive listener. At figures he was almost a wizard, and it is reported that even in his last ventures, when in the evening of life, he surprised his associates by the manner in which he carried prices and amounts of lengthy orders in his head without even consulting his files. For a few years in his early manhood, Peter Kuntz herded cattle on a farm in Illinois, but eventually he returned to Greenville and began his career as a lumberman. This began when

he secured employment as a woodchopper in clearing the forests of Darke county, and not only was he one of the most skillful wielders of the saw and adz of his locality, but the knowledge of wood which he acquired at that time stood him in good stead in his business ventures later. When he embarked in business at Greenville, his stock consisted of five cars of mixed lumber from Toledo, which was a shipping center for lumber at that time, and the order was considered a very large one for those days. He was not content, however, to confine his labors to business hours, but after he had closed his office would seek whatever honorable employment was to be found. Several years after entering upon his business career, he decided to move to Union City, Ind., because of better railroad facilities, and there opened a sawmill, planing mill and well-equipped lumber yard, and established a motto which he clung to the rest of his life: "Make your price right; sell for cash; and you'll get the business." While a resident of Union City, he was married to Miss Mary Higi, and to that union ten children were born: Martin James, who died at an early age; Peter, jr., of Dayton, born at Union City, Ind., August 4, 1880, a graduate of St. Mary's college and Notre Dame, and now president of the Kuntz Lumber company and a leading business man of Dayton; John J., of San Antonio, Tex; Mrs. Albert E. Smith, of Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Carl Graves, of West Milton, O.; Mrs. John Wickham, of Springfield, O.; and Martin C., William, Edward and Richard, of Dayton. May 4, 1883, Union City was visited by a serious conflagration, and the entire Kuntz business was destroyed. Mr. Kuntz found himself again at the starting point, but, nothing daunted, he immediately laid plans to rebuild his industry, and a short time later moved to Chicago, which was then the great lumber center of the Northwest. He and his family remained there until 1896, when they came to Dayton and made their residence in what is still known as the "Old Ed Barney Homestead," at the corner of Old Orchard and Homewood avenues. After the fire at Union City, Mr. Kuntz conceived the idea of line lumber yards, as they are known in the trade. He was the originator of this plan, and today the Kuntz company has yards from Cleveland to San Antonio and from Florida to East St. Louis, Ill. Wherever lumber men congregate, the name of "Uncle Peter" is acclaimed with the respect all men pay leaders and his yards are considered a standard in judging others. Most of his associates have attributed their success to his help and advice. His hobby was always the retail yard and to this he stuck almost entirely, and a peculiarity in his career was his refusal to embark in other lines of business. His interests were always conducted along business lines and he never speculated. One trait in Mr. Kuntz' career which stood out above all others was his love for children. For years he provided Christmas festivities for the children of Catholic churches throughout this section of the country and for a half a century he maintained free parochial schools at Greenville and Union City. About 1911, when an orphanage was burned at San Antonio, Tex., and six nuns lost their lives in rescuing children, he announced to Bishop Shaw of that city that if the orphanage were rebuilt of fireproof construction, he would maintain it, and he not only kept his promise but

donated $20,000 toward its construction, this being known as St. Peter's Orphanage and Industrial Home for Boys. He took a great interest in the missionary work of the Catholic church and gave two steel constructed churches on wheels, known as "chapel cars," to the Catholic Extension society for work in the West, these being named "St. Peter" and St. Paul." During all his residence at Dayton he was a bountiful and constant contributor to St. Elizabeth's hospital, the St. Joseph's orphanage, the federated charities and other local and deserving institutions. Heads of many poor families of Dayton read with regret of his death. Mr. Kuntz found his chief pleasure and amusement in the bosom of his family. He cared little for the theater and was seldom attracted to a playhouse unless some serious play appealed to him. The work of his early life, in fact of his entire career, prevented him from taking much interest in sports, save hunting and fishing, to which he was closely attached in his earlier years. Even as he was in his business he was with his family and each of his sons has taken his place in the lumber company as soon as his education was completed. Until his final illness, Mr. Kuntz had suffered but one sick spell, that being shortly after the Union City fire, when he was attacked by typhoid. His naturally robust constitution was aided by his simple habits, and until December, 1917, his life was one of daily activity. At that time, while on a train returning from a business trip to Florida, where most of the Kuntz sawmill interests are located, he was stricken by illness, and he finally passed to his final rest, surrounded by his family, at his home on Homewood avenue, Dayton, March 3, 1918. Even when the sands of life were sifting rapidly away, he evinced the same indomitable spirit which had advanced him so frequently in his chosen business, and held on to life with grim tenacity, and retaining, until the very last, possession of the marvelous faculties which had enabled him to become one of the greatest factors in the lumbering industry of this country. A devout Catholic from his earliest days, his passing was attended by the solemn rites of his church and his death was marked with that cheerfulness which characterizes the ending of those who are content that their lives have been well spent. Interment was made in a vault at Calvary, Mr. Kuntz's six sons acting as pall-bearers, and the remains were later removed to a beautiful mausoleum. The lessons taught by the life of Mr. Kuntz are many, and should be heeded by the rising generation. He ever possessed and showed forth an industrious spirit, untiring zeal, a real love of humanitarian work, combined with ideals of the highest nature, so that when he directed these virtues in charitable channels the result was bound to be beneficial to those who were most of all in need of such action. His earthly chapter is completed, but finis is not written to his work. Its influence is mightier than his humanity and will live for long years, for it was built upon the sound foundation of unselfish devotion to the unfortunate and with a Christ-like love for those in need.

Christian A. Kurz, Jr. While he is a product of the city of Chicago, the entire business career of Christian A. Kurz, jr., has been passed at Dayton, where he has been and is identified with several leading concerns, being president and treasurer of the Day-

ton Insulating Die company, and treasurer of the Dayton Oxygen and Hydrogen Products company. Mr. Kurz was born at Chicago, Ill., August 19, 1883, a son of Christian A. Kurz, and received his early education in the public schools of his native city. Following his graduation from Purdue university in the class of 1907, when he received the degree of Bachelor of Science, he remained in Chicago until 1911, in which year he came to Dayton and established a laboratory in the United Brethren annex. In 1916, he became treasurer of the Dayton Insulating Die company, which was founded June 19, 1916, his associates in the enterprise being J. C. Cole, the first president, and I. W. Detamore, secretary, this was capitalized at $10,000, and was for the manufacture of condensation products and dies for moulding same. At the time of its inception the firm employed six people, and in 1919 there were sixty employees on the pay-roll. In 1917 Mr. Kurz succeeded Mr. Cole in the presidency, retaining the post of treasurer, and Mr. Detamore remained as secretary. Mr. Kurz is also, as noted, treasurer of the Dayton Oxygen and Hydrogen Products company, organized by him in 1913, and incorporated for $35,000. The other officials of this concern are C. A. Kurz, sr., president; A. L. Kurz, vice-president; and George Walthers, secretary. The original number of three employees has been doubled, and the concern is doing a large and growing business in the production of oxygen and hydrogen by electrical decomposition. During the war period, the company was engaged 100 per cent in war production. Mr. Kurz is widely known in his profession, and belongs to the Engineers club, the American Society of Testing Material and the American Chemical society, and is also a member of the Aero Club of America. He is likewise a member of the Dayton, Bicycle and Rotary clubs, and is second vice-president of the Greater Dayton association. As a fraternalist, he is prominent in local Masonic circles. June 6, 1906, he married Juliette DeHart, of Lafayette, Ind., and they are the parents of two children: John and Ruth.

Sidney Grover Kusworm. Among the members of the legal fraternity of Dayton, one who has not only attained to a prominent position in his profession, but who also is widely known for his constructive work in charitable and other organizations, is Sidney Grover Kusworm. Mr. Kusworm, who is junior member of the firm of Dale & Kusworm, still belongs to the younger generation of Dayton attorneys, but his talents have impressed themselves forcibly upon the minds of the profession and the public, while his numerous activities outside of his calling have served to make him at once one of Dominant Dayton's valued and valuable citizens. He was born in this city, February 28, 1885, a son of Moses and Mollie (Witkowsky) Kusworm, the former of whom died December 5, 1893, while the latter died at Dayton, October 29, 1909. After attending the public schools and the Steele High school, Sidney G. Kusworm took up the study of law at the University of Cincinnati, and was duly graduated with the class of 1908, receiving his degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the bar in June, 1908, and October 1, 1912, was admitted to practice in the Federal courts. When he began his professional labors,

October 1, 1908, it was in partnership with Ralph Argerbright, but this association was terminated one year later, when Mr. Kusworm formed a connection with Judge C. W. Dale, under the firm style of Dale & Kusworm, a relation which still exists. In his professional capacity, Mr. Kusworm has won recognition as a lawyer of more than ordinary force, talent and industry and his career, while thus far comparatively short in proportion to those of some other members of the bar, has already been rewarded by a large measure of success. He is a member of the Montgomery County Bar association and is universally esteemed by his fellow-members of the bar. Mr. Kusworm has been instrumental in aiding some of the aims of the Greater Dayton association to success and has in other ways demonstrated his good citizenship. He is president of Congregation K. K. B. Y., Reformed Synagogue. As a fraternalist, he is well known, being past exalted ruler of Lodge, No. 58, B. & P. O. E.; a member of Lodge, No. 147, F. & A. M.; and past president of Eshcol Lodge, No. 55, I. O. B. B. and vice-president of District No. 2, and is secretary of the American Soldiers' and Sailors' association, District No. 2, I. O. B. B. Mr. Kusworm has also been prominent in charitable work, being a director and past president of the Federated Jewis charities, of Dayton; and a national director of the Jewish hospital for tuberculosis, at Denver, Colo. Mr. Kusworm was married December 27, 1911, to Miss Helen Frances Block, daughter of Moses Block, of Richmond, Va., who passed away April 6, 1918. One son: Sidney Grover, jr., survives.

Harvey S. Lambert, D. D. S., for the past eighteen years has been engaged in the practice of dentistry at Dayton and has gained an enviable reputation for skill and thorough knowledge of his profession. A native of Miamisburg, Ohio, he was born August 4, 1876, and received his early education in the public schools of that city. Doctor Lambert pursued his dental studies at the Ohio Medical college (University of Cincinnati) from which he was graduated in the class of 1901 with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, and immediately entered upon the practice of his profession at Dayton, where he now has offices on the eighth floor of the Medical building. He has attracted to himself a most desirable clientele through his professional skill and has the esteem of his professional confreres. Doctor Lambert keeps fully abreast of the advancement in the science of dental surgery, of which he is a close student and is also a member of the Miami Valley Dental society, the Ohio State Dental society and the American Dental association. Fraternally, he stands high in Masonry, in which order he has reached the Scottish Rite degree, and is popular with his fellow-members. September 10, 1903, Doctor Lambert was united in marriage with Sarah J. Benner, of Miamisburg, Ohio, and they are the parents of one child, Vera Amanda.

H. Sherman Lane, who belongs to one of Dayton's old and honored families, whose members have been well and prominently known in business circles and public life for many years, has been identified himself with important business affairs and has also contributed his share of public service. As one of Dayton's leading accountants his work has brought him into close connection

with constructive business forces, while his acceptable services in positions associated with the public welfare have been of a commendatory character. Mr. Lane was born at Dayton, May 5, 1872, a son of George M. and Marietta (Page) Lane. George M. Lane, one of Dayton's best known citizens, was born in 1842, also at Dayton, and for a number of years was connected with the C. H. & D. railway, for which he was superintendent of telegraphers for several years. Later he became city clerk and when his term was completed accepted the office of secretary of the Dayton Plow company, subsequently serving for eight years as city treasurer. He made an excellent record in public office, as he did in business and private life, and when he died, July 22, 1912, left behind him many to mourn the loss of a good and public-spirited citizen. H. Sherman Lane attended the graded and public schools and began work with the C. W. Raymond company, by which concern he was employed in a minor capacity for several years. Later he entered the service of the National Cash Register company, being employed both in the factory and the office, and in the latter won rapid and consecutive promotion by reason of his fine abilities, fidelity and general industry. He rose to cashier of the concern and then entered the treasurer's department, was then sent to the auditing department because of his abilities as an accountant, and was subsequently made paymaster, a position which he retained for three years. Resigning at the end of that period, he entered the city treasurer's office, under his father, and at the expiration of the elder man's term accepted a tender of the Platt Iron works and became chief accountant in that company's office for one year. When he left this concern it was to engage in business on his own account, as a member of the public accounting firm of Wall & Lane, which in 1913, became Wall, Hardman & Lane, with offices in the Reibold building and which has attracted a large and representative patronage. This organization is well known in business circles of Dayton, where its members bear an excellent reputation. During the war period Mr. Lane's special abilities and his well-known integrity caused his appointment as assistant business executive in the engineering division of aircraft construction for the United States Government. He is prominent in the work of the Christ Episcopal church, where he is serving as vestrymen and treasurer, belongs to a number of civic bodies, and holds membership in the Dayton City, Dayton Country and Dayton Rotary clubs. Mr. Lane was married at Dayton, April 20, 1908, to Mrs. Edith Daniels Wichet, daughter of E. O. Daniels, of this city, and three children have been born to this union, namely: Henrietta, Susannah and Winthrop.

Maurice Daniel Larkin. Among the native sons of Dayton who are not only maintaining the records and reputations of their fathers, but are establishing new precedents for their successors, mention is due Maurice Daniel Larkin, President of the M. D. Larkin Supply Co., and proprietor of the Larkin Manufacturing Co. The M. D. Larkin Supply Co. is Dayton's largest jobber and dealer in factory supplies, machinery, tools, iron and steel, pipe, valves and fittings, hardware, electric motors and fans, contractors'

equipment and automobile accessories. The Larkin Manufacturing Co. is known throughout the United States among fire departments and users of fire prevention equipment, on account of the many patented tools in the fire fighting line which stand foremost among the devices and tools used in the fire extinguishing field. Mr. Larkin is distinctively a product of Dayton where he was born on March 22, 1877, a son of Daniel C. and Hannah A. Larkin, Daniel C. Larkin being a native son of Sandusky, Ohio, born on July 29, 1849, and Hannah A. Hartnet born in Dayton on January 10, 1856. After attending the public schools in Dayton, Mr. Larkin at the age of ten years became a resident student at St. Mary's college in this city and pursued his studies at that institution for a period of seven years, after which he entered Georgetown university at Washington, D. C., being a student at that university during the regular college period of four years. In 1898, a short time after leaving college, Mr. Larkin developed an automatic relief valve for fire engine service and with this splendid device as a foundation the Larkin Manufacturing Co. was built and the success of that company and its position is now well known and firmly established and the many tools and appliances which they now make are known as the standard among American fire departments. In 1906, Mr. Larkin further broadened his activities through the purchase of the Weed Supply Co. at that time operating in a small way on East Third street, and from that business was organized the M. D. Larkin Supply Co. which is so well known today as one of Dayton's largest and most reputable jobbing houses. On March 1, 1907, this business was incorporated with a capital of $75,000, and occupied the store rooms at 111-113 East Third street. At this time the officers were Maurice D. Larkin, pesident and treasurer, D. C. Larkin, vice president, and J. P. Gore, secretary. The business showed rapid growth until March 25, 1913, when the great flood which inundated Dayton, costing a number of lives and destroying millions of dollars worth of property, also brought a heavy loss to the M. D. Larkin Supply Co. The store on East Third street was destroyed by the fire which during the flood destroyed that section, and the warehouses of the company on Monument avenue, were greatly damaged by water. This made it necessary to secure a new location at 116 N. Main street and a new warehouse was built at Webster and Cooper streets, giving the company in both locations approximately 60,000 square feet of floor space. From these new locations the business was again resumed and greater effort than ever given to a recovery from the severe effects of the flood loss. The business continued to grow so that during the great war the company was able through a large stock of much needed goods to render prompt service to the needs of the war industries and to government activities in this section. From a force of eleven people in 1907 to an organization of ninety people now give their entire time to the business. Ten traveling salesmen are employed, covering a territory extending to a radius of seventy-five miles of Dayton and the company is known throughout this section for the promptness of their service, the quality of the goods and the honorable treatment given their customers. Mr. Larkin

is a member of the Dayton club, Dayton Bicycle club, Dayton Rotary club, Miami Valley Golf club and the Dayton Chamber of Commerce. During the war Mr. Larkin was selected by the government as chairman of the Federal Community Labor board, having supervision of the United States Employment Service and a direction of labor activities and production among those factories making war materials and at the end of the war his services were required in readjusting labor and unemployment problems and relief. Mr. Larkin was married on February 1, 1905, to Miss Eva Harvey, a native of Dayton and a daughter of William Harvey, a Civil war veteran, who was also born in Dayton. Mr. and Mrs. Larkin reside at 1001 Grand avenue and they have three children: Maurice Daniel, jr., Robert Harvey and Helen Virginia, all of whom are attending Longfellow school.

Everett P. Larsh. Richly endowed with the qualities of initiative and resource, concentration and enthusiasm, and with various communities as the setting of his ambitions, he has achieved repeated accomplishments, and at the present time is firmly established in the manufacturing business at Dayton as vice-president of the Burnett-Larsh company. Mr. Larsh was born at Richmond, Ind., June 16, 1886, a son of John H. Larsh, who came to Dayton in 1916 as an expert in the use of the heat treatment of steel. Everett P. Larsh attended the public schools of Richmond, Ind., and the high school at Anderson, that state, and early in life developed a positive genius in electrical work. This remarkable lad was but sixteen years of age when he was employed by the Remy Electric company of Anderson in its machine shop, where his rise was rapid, his advancements coming in sucession until he was made chief inspector for the company, a position which he held at an age when most youths are still unsettled in their minds as to what kind of career to follow. In the meantime, while instructing others, he did not feel that his own education was by any means complete, and he applied himself assiduously to a study of electrical engineering. He next secured experience in another branch of his profession, when he accepted a position as draughtsman in the motive power department of the Indiana Union Traction company, but a short time later resigned to accept the position of designing engineer for the Standard Machine company, of Bowling Green, Ohio. Mr. Larsh's activities next took in the field of naval service, for January 7, 1907, he enlisted in the United States Navy, and specialized in wireless work at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. He soon perfected himself in this difficult branch of electricity, and was sent by the United States Government to Key West, Florida, to take charge of the wireless station, with the rank of chief electrician. When he received his honorable discharge from the navy, he became identified with the M. Rumely company, of La Porte, Ind., as inspector of tests and supervisor of final tests and inspection. His next connection was with the Vaile-Kimes company, of which concern he was superintendent for two years, and in 1915, with C. E. Burnett, founded the electrical manufacturing firm of Burnett-Larsh company. Mr. Larsh was vice-president of the firm and manager of

the works. On March 1, 1919, he left Burnett-Larsh company and designed a line of automatic electric pumps and sold the license to manufacture them to the Monarch Engineering company and is now consulting engineer for that concern; also is factory manager for the Dayton Fan & Motor company since August 1, 1919. His career has been a remarkable one in many degrees, and he has a wide acquaintance among electrical engineers and business men in general, and the respect in which he is held for his undoubted talents has the added touch of personal popularity. He belongs to the Masonic Blue lodge, the Engineers' Club of Dayton and the Y. M. C. A., and is an enthusiastic member of the Greater Dayton association. Mr. Larsh was married June 15, 1918, to Mable Wilcox, daughter of Fred C. Wilcox, of Richmond, Ind.

Frank Edward Laukhuff. Dayton has numerous examples of men among the younger generation in business affairs, and one worthy of mention is Frank Edward Laukhuff, secretary and treasurer of the large and important wholesale grocery house of Weakley-Worman company. Mr. Laukhuff was born at Little York (Englewood), Montgomery county, Ohio, May 30, 1880, and is a son of Theodore Laukhuff. His father, a native of Germany, emigrated to the United States about the year 1852, settling first at Cincinnati and subsequently moving to Englewood, in Montgomery county, where he settled on a farm and devoted himself to agricultural pursuits. He was also an artist and his son has in his possession a number of his works which show him to have been possessed of talent beyond the ordinary. After a long and honorable career he passed away, and was laid to rest in Montgomery county, at the side of his worthy wife. Frank E. Laukhuff was educated in the graded and high schools of Englewood and was reared to manhood on the home farm. During his youth he also attended Otterbein university, and after his graduation from this institution he came, in 1899, to Dayton, where he engaged as stenographer with the Weakley-Worman company. Possessed of ability and industry, he worked his way upward in the company's employ, until he was elected secretary of the concern, and in 1916 was made secretary and treasurer, a position which he still holds. This business, founded in 1866, adopted its present style in 1890, in which year it was incorporated for $200,000, and moved to its present quarters at 502-504 E. Third street. George W. Weakley is now president of the concern and F. T. Weakley, vice-president; thirty people are employed in the establishment, and eleven traveling salesmen are kept on the road. The product of the company, consisting of wholesale staple and fancy groceries, cigars and tobaccos, has a wide sale, and maintains an excellent reputation for purity and high quality. Mr. Laukhuff is known as an energetic and progressive business man, one generally termed a "live wire," and has the distinction of having gained position through his own unaided efforts. His business is his chief interest, and he has found little time for public affairs or politics, but is socially inclined and belongs to several fraternal bodies. With his wife and children he belongs to the Riverdale United Brethren church. Mr. Laukhuff was married June 10, 1903, to Laura M. Perry, a native of Dayton,

and to this union there have come two children: Paul and Margaretta.

Harry W. Lautenschlager, M. D. It is imperative that the physician of today be a man of advanced education, carefully trained, experienced in all branches and, many times, specially skilled along certain lines. His is a profession that admits of no standstill; its devotees must ever push onward and upward, spending time when not actually engaged on cases in research and study. Of the younger generation of physicians at Dayton, one who has made rapid advancement during the comparatively short period of his career is Harry W. Lautenschlager. Doctor Lautenschlager is another one of the native sons of Dayton who has won success in their home city, for he was born here July 16, 1885, a son of George C. and Augusta (Roenhildt) Lautenschlager, natives of Dayton who are now living in retirement. The father was the proprietor of a pharmacy at Dayton, and while Harry W. Lautenschlager was attending the public schools in his boyhood he frequently assisted around the establishment, where he first conceived the desire to enter the medical profession as his life work. Later he was a student at the Steele high school, so many of whose graduates have become leading professional and business men, and then prosecuted his medical studies in the Miami Medical college, Cincinnati, where he was graduated in 1908 with the degree of M. D. He received excellent training as assistant surgeon in the Soldiers' Home at Dayton and later in a like capacity in the Soldiers' Home at Marion, Ind., and in 1910 returned to Dayton and established himself in general practice in the Fidelity Medical building. Doctor Lautenschlager has been a close student, and is the possessor of a large and valuable medical library. He has well-appointed offices, equipped with the latest inventions of the profession which will in any way aid him as a physician and surgeon. His professional connections include membership in the Montgomery County Medical society and the Ohio State Medical society, and fraternally he is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner, and a member of the college fraternity Alpha Kappa Kappa. He was married April 8, 1911, to Miss Edna Barley, daughter of Marsh C. and Annette (Daugherty) Barley, of Spring Valley, Ohio, and they are the parents of two children: Eugenie and Annette.

James T. Leakas, of the furrier firm of Leakas Brothers, has obtained a firm standing among the rising young business men of Dayton, and that, although he is of foreign birth and has been a resident of the city only about five years. He was born May 15, 1892, at Kastoria, Macedonia, Greece, a son of Theodore and Theodosia (Cathos) Leakas, and received his literary training in the public schools of his native place, where he also learned the fur business under the preceptorship of his father. Thus equipped, he came to the United States in 1906, being naturally attracted to New York City, which contains one of the largest Greek elements in this country, and remained there until changing his residence to Dayton. Arriving in this city February 6, 1915, he has since then been industriously, energetically, intelligently and successfully pursuing his well-chosen career. For a time he was connected with the

Rike-Kumler company, in the fur department of that concern, but January 7, 1917, engaged in business on his own account, in association with C. W. Buell. at No. 22 West Fourth street. February 1, 1918, the business was removed to better and larger quarters on the second floor of the Conover building, and since then Mr. Leakas' brother, John T. Leakas, has been admitted to the firm, which is now known as Leakas Brothers. The business consists of the manufacture and retailing of furs, and six people are given employment. Mr. Leakas' continuous progress to his present substantial standing has been the pure result of personal exertions and worth, as he has never been able to apply the assistance of family influence or inherited wealth to his individual affairs. Fortunately, he located in a city where they were many others in the unaided struggle for advancement, and where those who have fought their way to advanced positions are quick to recognize merit and manliness. He belongs to the Second Church of Christ, Christian Science, and is, all in all, a fine type of a thoroughly Americanized citizen of foreign blood and broad education, drawn partly from his native land and partly from the country of his enthusiastic adoption.

Wayne G. Lee. For many years officially and otherwise identified with the best interests of Dayton, Wayne G. Lee is particularly well known in the city where the larger part of a busy life has been spent. He was born at Springfield, Ohio, September 17, 1880, and received his preliminary education in the public schools there. In 1896 he came to Dayton and secured employment with the National Cash Register company, first in the inspection room, later becoming clerk for Robert Patterson, and still later an apprentice in the tool room. Mr. Lee in the meanwhile had cherished the hope of further educational advantages, and when the opportunity came he spent a year in Antioch college, at the close of which he returned to the National Cash Register company as an employee in the advertising department, where he continued until 1900. Following a student course in Defiance college, he entered the field of journalism, identifying himself with the Defiance Crescent News, of which he became managing editor and in which he later purchased an interest. January 1, 1907, he was associated with Major Kirkpatrick on the Springfield (Ohio) Gazette, as political editor, in October of the same year coming back to Dayton as City Hall reporter and political writer on the News, in which journalistic capacity he continued until January 1, 1910, when he was elected city clerk of Dayton for four years and while in this office he installed modern systems of filing and practically revolutionized the methods of conducting the office. At the same time that Dayton entered upon its present remarkable period of civic prosperity, the abilities of public-spirited men like Wayne G. Lee were not overlooked in the call for efficient help. In 1914 he was appointed by Governor Cox to organize the educational bureau in the state highway department, and his thorough methods during the next year brought about most satisfying results. In February, 1915, Mr. Lee became secretary of the Citizens' committee, August 15th, becoming secretary to Hon. Henry M. Waite, first city manager, and since 1918 has been secretary and assistant to the present city

manager, Hon. J. E. Barlow. May 6, 1903, Mr. Lee married Maytie B., daughter of Henry W. Dicus, of Defiance, Ohio, and they have one son, Winston M., who resides with his parents. Mr. Lee belongs to the Raper Methodist Episcopal church, being a member of its official board. In his political views he is a Democrat. His Masonic connections are important as a member of Stillwater Lodge, F. & A. M., Valley of Dayton, Scottish Rite, and Antioch Temple, Mystic Shrine, of Dayton. He belongs also to Miami Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and finds congenial social companionship as a member of the Exchange and Triangle clubs. He is also a member of and on the Board of Governors of the Present Day club.

Arthur E. Leen, junior member of the law firm of Murphy, Elliff & Leen, is one of the young attorneys of Dayton who belongs to the self-made class. His career has been one characterized by self-reliance, industry and ambitious effort, and already he has displayed talents that entitle him to be accounted as among the rapidly rising members of his profession. Mr. Leen has also the distinction of being a native son of Dayton, and was born September 19, 1888, his father being David M. Leen, who is in charge of a department of the mercantile corporation. Arthur E. Leen attended the graded schools and the Steele High school, and when he had graduated from the latter sought employment and obtained it as stenographer in the law office of Murphy & Elliff. There he had his introduction to the profession, and, his ambitions being aroused, he determined to follow the law as a career. For a time he continued with his duties as stenographer, but eventually was able to see his way clear for a course at the University of Michigan. He had had access to the law library of his employers, and this preparation assisted him materially while at college, his course being a very satisfactory one. Graduated in law in 1911, in June of that year he was admitted to the bar and at once began practice with Mattern & Brumbach, with offices in the Conover building, where he remained alone until January, 1913. He made rapid strides in his profession and his success attracted the attention of his former employers, who admitted him as a member of the firm, the style of which became, as now, Murphy, Elliff & Leen. The business of this concern is general in character, the combination is considered a strong one, and the litigation handled by it has been of an important character. The offices are at No. 1001 Schwind building. Mr. Leen's legal attainments are of a solid rather than a showy character. He is thoroughly grounded in elementary principles and possessed of a fine discrimination in the application of legal precedents. He is a member of the Montgomery County Bar association, and in the profession has attained a splendid reputation among his fellow-practitioners, among whom he has many warm friends. He is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Elks. Mr. Leen was married October 6, 1915, to Miss Margaret McBride, daughter of Edward J. McBride, of Dayton. She died December 6, 1916, leaving one daughter, Ann Marie, who was born June 24, 1916.

Rabbi David Lefkowitz. Broad-minded and sober of judgment, some men possess a character that creates respect and invites intercourse, so that in their passage through life they win and retain the confidence of their associates. When these characteristics are combined with an appreciation of constructive community interests and the power to develop their own capabilities to the highest possible degree of efficiency, success along any line is certain, and the locality in which they reside proves the beneficiary. In the case of Rabbi David Lefkowitz, Dayton is the city which has been benefited, because of his constant and untiring work for a higher morality, as well as for his useful and far-reaching labors in the fields of philanthropy and benevolence. Rabbi Lefkowitz was born at Eperies, Austria-Hungary, April 11, 1875, a son of Benjamin and Lena (Goldstein) Lefkowitz. His father, a tailor by trade, brought the family to the United States when David was still a babe, and his early education was obtained in the public schools of New York City, where his boyhood and youth were passed. Later he went to the College of the City of New York, being graduated therefrom in 1894 with the degree of Bachelor of Science, and at that time took up school teaching as a means by which to secure the necessary finances with which to complete his education. After two years of work as an educator, he entered the University of Cincinnati, where he was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity, and graduated in 1899 with the degree of Bachelor of Law. A short course at the Hebrew Union College, at Cincinnati followed, and he was graduated June 17, 1900. In that same year he was graduated and came to Dayton as Rabbi of the B'nai Yeshurun Temple. Rabbi Lefkowitz' connections with civic, philanthropic and benevolent bodies has been extensive, and at various times he has been associated with other public-spirited, capable and constructive men in forwarding movements for the advancement of education, religion, morality and good citizenship. He is at present president of the Montgomery County Chapter of the Red Cross and has done much to assist this organization in its great work. As a believer in the benefits derivable from recreation and in the right of youth to this wholesome exercise, he is working strenuously in the office of president of the Play Grounds and Gardens association. He belongs also to the official boards of the Federation of Charities and Philanthropy, Associated Charities and the Dayton Humane society. He is vice-president of the Federation of Jewish Charities. He has a large acquaintance and many friendships among men of all creeds and faiths, and is a member of the Dayton Rotary club and an honorary member of the Standard club. Also he holds membership in the B'nai B'rith and Mystic Lodge of the Masonic order. Rabbi Lefkowitz was married October 10, 1901, to Miss Sadie Braham, daughter of Lewis Braham, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and they are the parents of four children: Lewis, born in 1902; Harry, born in 1904; Helen, born in 1905; and David, jr., born in 1912. The pleasant Lefkowitz home is located at No. 902 Porter avenue, Dayton.

Chester Lesher, vice-president of the Lesher Electric company, is one of the rising young business men of Dayton, and

owes his present position in business circles solely to his own efforts and industry. Mr. Lesher was born at Dayton, August 2, 1889, a son of Edward and Bertha (Simpson) Lesher. The family has resided in Dayton for many years, and here Mr. Lesher's father was born and passed practically his entire life. In his earlier years he devoted himself to agricultural pursuits, but later took up the business of milling, and was engaged therein at the time of his demise. The public schools of Dayton furnished Chester Lesher with his educational training. As a lad he had shown a predilection for mechanical occupations, and, becoming particularly interested in electrical matters, apprenticed himself for six years with the Gurden Electric company, where he mastered the vocation which he had chosen for his life work. With this training, he felt himself competent to enter business on his own account, and accordingly established a modest shop which formed the nucleus for the present Lesher Electric company. This business was founded in April, 1917, by W. D. Blaik, president; Chester Lesher, vice-president; and G. I. Coleman, secretary and treasurer, and was incorporated for $5,000. The plant is located at No. 128 N. Main street, and eight people are employed in the handling of electrical supplies and in doing all manner of electrical construction work. Since its inception the business has shown a healthy growth, much of which can be attributed to the energetic and enthusiastic work of its vice-president, who, himself a skilled workman, demands the best of workmanship from those in the company's employ. Mr. Lesher has a number of connections in the city, being a member of the Electric club, the Builders' Exchange and the Real Estate Board; is fraternally affiliated with Humboldt lodge, Knights of Pythias, and has a wide acquaintance and numerous friends. He married Margaret Adelberger, daughter of John Adelberger, of Miamisburg, and they are the parents of one daughter, Bernadine.

A. Vane Lester. While the concern known as the Industrial Building company has been in existence only since August, 1917, its achievements in the line of contracting have already assumed prominence and large proportions at Dayton, where it has been identified with labors of an important character, The trade of building, of housing the people and enterprises which make up a community, is not only one of the oldest known to man, but its ranks include a far greater number than those of any other kind of skilled labor. Having this importance, it is necessary that the men at the head of large contracting concerns not only be possessed of genuine ability in their line of work, but must also have the faculty of exercising executive powers. To this capable and resourceful class belongs A. Vane Lester, one of the founders and a member of the firm of the Industrial Building company. Mr. Lester was born at Williamsburg, Ky., July 2, 1878, and received his education as a lad in the schools of that place. Subsequently he attended Cumberland college, from which institution he was duly graduated with the degree of B. A., and this was followed by attendance at the University of Kentucky, where he graduated in 1900 with the degree of Bachelor of Civil Engineering and later

on took up the study of Civil Engineering, receiving his degree of C. E. in 1916. From 1900 to 1902 Mr. Lester gained valuable experience with the Way Cross Airline railroad, and following this was with the C. & O. railroad up to 1907, when he entered the service of the W. N. Y. & P. Traction company. In 1908 he severed his connection with the transportation company to become identified with the Concrete Steel company, of Cincinnati, where he became acquainted with his present partner, George F. Noland. Together, January 1, 1911, they came to Dayton and with local parties founded the Structural Concrete company, and August 1, 1917, established the Industrial Building company, to do a general contracting business, with offices at 758 Reibold building. Mr. Lester is a master of business singularly adapted to his inclinations and abilities, and the fact that his work is congenial adds not a little to his possibilities of continued advancement. As an employer of labor he is considerate and appreciative, and has the faculty of securing from his men the best work of which they are capable. Mr. Lester is a member of the Masons and the Elks, of the Engineers' club of Dayton, and of the Sigma Chi and Tau Beta Pi college fraternities. He was married to Annie W. Jopling of Bedford, Va., and are the parents of A. Vane and C. Jopling, both at home.

A. John Lewis, D. D. S., is a man of broad education, varied experience, high character, and is one of Dayton's leading dental practitioners. Doctor Lewis was born at Edinburg, Ind., August 1, 1871, and received his early education in the public schools. Later, after graduating from Franklin, Ind., high school, he attended the University of Indianapolis Dental college, and graduated in 1897 with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. He began practice at Indianapolis, in association with Dr. Alexander Jamison, with whom he remained for one year, then going to Springfield, Ill., where he continued for six months. His next location was Oconomowoc, Wis., but after a short stay there he came to Dayton, where he has since remained. He is engaged in a lucrative practice, that is also desirable from a professional standpoint. He has steadily advanced to a position well recognized in the Dayton dental circles, and is a valued member of the Miami Valley Dental society, the Ohio State Dental society and the National Dental association. He holds membership also in the Delta Sigma Delta college dental fraternity, and belongs to the Dayton club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Y. M. C. A. March 14, 1906, Doctor Lewis married Cora West, of Delaware, Ohio, and they have had three children: Alda Jane, deceased, John William and George Edwin.

Theodore H. Lienesch. The career of Theodore H. Lienesch who is now one of the substantial business men of Dayton, has been one in which success has been attained through the medium of personal effort and individual merit. No favoring circumstances of aiding influences have come to his assistance during his rise from obscurity and humble position, but each step upward has been made only after strenuous endeavor and the exercise of inherent qualities which have stamped him as being possessed of abilities beyond the average. Mr. Lienesch was born at Fayetteville, St.

Clair county, Ill., January 7, 1861, a son of Theodore Lienesch. His father, who was a shoemaker by vocation, came to Dayton in 1872, and here worked at his trade and so thoroughly established himself in the confidence of his fellow-citizens that they elected him justice of the peace, an office in which he served for some years with dignity and credit, and of which he was the incumbent at the time of his demise in 1885. Theodore H. Lienesch attended the public schools at Fayetteville and the parochial school at Dayton, and this course of training was supplemented by study at St. Mary's college. When he graduated from the latter he joined his father and for a time was identified with the cobbling business, but this proved neither attractive nor congenial, and when he was seventeen years of age he secured employment in a planing mill operated by John Rouzer. Later he was with Pierce & Coleman, but left their employ when he realized the necessity of further business training and accordingly enrolled as a student in the Dayton Commercial college, where he pursued a course in bookkeeping. With this added preparation he was able to secure a lucrative position with the Stomps-Burkhardt company, and later for ten years was associated with H. Ferneding & Sons. When he left their employ it was to embark in business in the line with which he is now identified as a manufacturer at Pine and Marshall streets. Mr. Lienesch's activities, naturally, center in this line, but he also has numerous other connections of a business nature, and is president of the Market Savings bank, a position in which he has evidenced his ability as a banker. With his family, he belongs to Holy Trinity Catholic church. He was one of the organizers of the first Council of the Knights of Columbus at Dayton, and was the first Grand Knight of this order in the city, in addition to which he holds membership in the Knights of St. John and in St. Joseph's Institute. Despite the demands made upon his time by his business interests, Mr. Lienesch takes a keen personal interest in the affairs of Dayton and is a ready helper in all movements which tend to improve it as a city and a center of manufacture, commerce and industry. His energy and progressiveness make him a valued factor in these civic enterprises and he has figured largely in successful campaigns for the betterment of Dominant Dayton. For two years he served very efficiently in the capacity of director of public safety. Mr. Lienesch was married October 5, 1898, to Mary, daughter of Henry Kohorst, of Dayton, and to this union there have been born six children: Theodore Francis, Alma, Carl, Edward, Joseph and Paul.

Joseph Light. One of the old and honored residents of Dayton, who has for many years been connected with one of the city's chief interests as superintendent of the Dayton Gas Light & Coke company, is Joseph Light. Coming to this city in 1855, he witnessed and took part in a great deal of the development which occurred during one of the city's most important eras, and still is accounted a prominent factor in its business life and a useful and dependable citizen. Mr. Light was born in the city of London, England, June 16, 1833, a son of George and Ann (Rutherford) Light, natives of England and the parents of twelve chil-

dren. Reared in London and educated in the public schools of the world's metropolis, Joseph Light was a lad of twelve years when he began to learn the vocation of manufacturing gas machinery, and subsequently that of shipbuilding. When he was eighteen years of age he sought the broader opportunities for advancement offered in the United States, and subsequent events proved his judgment well founded. At Cincinnati he was engaged in the manufacture of gas machinery during a period of three years, and he was but twenty-two years old when he came to Dayton and took charge of the Dayton Gas Light & Coke company's work in 1855. He continued to fill this position without interruption to the time of his death, which occurred on February 22, 1918 and practically all the work of advancement and development of the concern came while he was at its head as superintendent. Mr. Light was married in November, 1854, to Catherine, daughter of Richard Lee, and to this union there were born six children: Catherine; George, vice-president and manager of the Dayton Gas Light & Coke company, who married Lida Ferguson; Jennie, Joseph E., Ella F. and Edward H., superintendent of the Dayton Gas company. The mother of these children died in 1874, in the faith of the Presbyterian church, and April 7, 1880, Mr. Light was united in matrimony with Elizabeth, daughter of John S. and Susannah Westwood. Mr. Light was a member of the Presbyterian church, was widely and favorably known in fraternal circles, having been a thirty-second degree Mason, an Odd Fellow and a member of the Knights of Pythias. His Republican sentiments made him a strong supporter of that party's candidates and policies.

Theodore C. Lindsey, Jr., whose brief memoir is given in the following, is well known to the bar not only of the Miami valley, and particularly of Dayton, but throughout this part of the country, as a careful, painstaking, profound and conscientious lawyer, a scholar, and unassuming gentleman. Retained at one time or another as general or special counsel for some of the large corporations, he has become more or less a familiar figure in the courts of the state. During the seventeen years that he has been engaged in practice at Dayton, through capacity and merit he has become known as a leader in his profession, a difficult and perplexing calling, in which the very occupation of superior position argues for its possessor solid ability, signal skill, sound learning, untiring industry and uncompromising integrity. Mr. Lindsey was born at Dayton, Ohio, April 16, 1878, a son of Theodore C. and Martha Lindsey. He attended the graded schools and the Steele high school, and after his graduation from the latter, entered the law office of Gunckel, Rowe & Shuey as a student for a brief period and then entered the law department of the University of Cincinnati, where he was graduated with the class of 1901. Prior to this, the young man, sure of his knowledge and with profound faith in himself, took the examination and in December, 1900, was admitted to the bar. However, he returned to the law school to finish his course and receive his degree of Bachelor of Laws, so that his regular practice did not begin until July 15, 1901, when

he opened offices in the Reibold building. In 1909, while attending the inauguration of President Taft, who had been his instructor in several law subjects while a student at the university, he was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court. Mr. Lindsey had prepared himself by long and diligent study and by equally lengthy and tedious attention to elementary principles; these assisted him to his reward. He is a member of the Montgomery County Bar association and of the Ohio Bar association, and also holds membership in the University of Cincinnati club of Dayton. Likewise, he is a Mason and a member of the Sons of Veterans. He has identified himself with a number of business enterprises, and has dealt somewhat extensively in real estate with faith in the future prosperity and welfare of his city, and has held the office of secretary of the Dayton Building Owners' and Managers' association for several years and is also a member of the State and National Building Owners' and Managers' associations. The Lindsey building, a handsome twelve-story structure, 33 x 142 feet, containing offices, was erected by Mr. Lindsey, representing his father, who owns the structure, and was ready for occupancy July, 1917. His own law offices are now situated therein and he is the manager of the Lindsey building. Mr. Lindsey was united in marriage at Louisville, Ky., June 26, 1900, to Jean Curry, daughter of Sylvester Curry, now of Cincinnati, O., and to this union there has been born one son: Robert Fulton, who resides with his parents and is still occupied in obtaining an education.

Charles W. Long. Among the men of Dayton who have worked their way unaided to positions of independence and prominence, one who has been more than ordinarly successful in the attainment of a well-defined goal is Charles W. Long, head of the real estate concern of C. W. Long & Son. When he came to Dayton, in 1889, he was in modest circumstances, but his financial condition bothered him little, because his self-reliance was of such a sturdy nature that it enabled him to develop to the utmost the capital with which nature had endowed him and which included among its ingredients the characteristics of determination, enterprise and practical ambition. It was not in this man's nature to fail; his inherent judgment pointed out the way for him to proceed, native powers developed new fields, and the ability which he possessed allowed him to make each new venture a successful one. Mr. Long was born on the Long homestead in Miami county, O., four miles west of the city of Troy, August 23, 1863, a son of William and Elizabeth (Postelwait) Long. His father, who was a stock raiser by vocation, was a well known and highly respected man of his community, but both he and his wife have been deceased for a number of years. The education of Charles W. Long was acquired in the district schools in the vicinity of his home, but he did not care for country life, and like many agriculturists' sons when they leave the old home, used the railroad as the medium through which to pierce the business life of the larger and more congested communities. He was still little more than a lad when he entered the service of the Big Four railroad, being connected with the Sandusky division, but remained

only two months with that road, in the capacity of brakeman. His next experience was with the Pennsylvania railroad, at Columbus, O., where he became a conductor in twelve months. Mr. Long came to Dayton in 1889, as conductor on the C. H. & D. railroad, and continued to hold his run until about 1904. At that time he was advanced to the position of yardmaster, but he was about through with railroading, and two years later resigned his position, with a record as a railroader that showed his services to have been a long and honorable one. While working on the trains, Mr. Long had acquired much information in regard to realty values and prospects and in a small way had commenced to invest in property. This was his chief interest when, September 1, 1906, he began to devote his entire time and energies to the realty business. His first office was located in the Canby building, where he remained alone until 1910, when, with George Albert, he platted Salem Heights. Their partnership continued for about three years, when the connection was severed, and Mr. Long continued alone again until 1915, when he admitted his son, Oliver W. Long, to the firm, which then adopted the style of C. W. Long & Son. The firm does largely a commission business, manages among others Emanuel house, at Grand and Olive streets, has conducted large deals in the east end of the city, and has numerous connections and interests. Mr. Long is a charter member of the Dayton Real Estate association, and an active worker in the movement known as the Greater Dayton association. He belongs to Mystic Lodge of the Masonic fraternity and to the Dayton Bicycle club, and still continues his membership in the Order of Railway Conductors, delighting to attend meetings and to talk over old times with his former fellow-workers. Locally, Mr. Long is known as a man who supports all good movements. He was married January 15, 1891, to Miss Anna E. Oliver, daughter of Burris and Elizabeth Oliver, of Cincinnati; and three children have been born to this union: Edna, the wife of Joseph Bisbie, of Dayton; Oliver W. and George Louis, who died in 1904, aged nine years.

Orlando Baxter Longnecker, M. D. The physician of today is not only a trained man whose every faculty has been brought to the highest perfection, but one whose broad experience with people and affairs contributes to his powers when brought into the every-day work of a difficult calling. One of the men of Dayton who stands high among the physicians and surgeons of this class in Ohio is Dr. Orlando Baxter Longnecker. Doctor Longnecker, who has been engaged in practice at Dayton for nearly a quarter of a century, was born near Union City, Ind., but in Darke county, Ohio, September 11, 1859. His early education was secured in the public schools of Union City, and this was followed by a course in the Northern Ohio Normal college, at Ada, Ohio. Like many other professional men, he began his career as a school teacher, but after a short period thus spent took up his medical studies at the Ohio Medical college, Cincinnati, supplementing these by a course at the Hospital college, Louisville, Ky., from which he was graduated in 1884, receiving the degree of M. D. He began practice at Castile, Ohio, and remained in Darke county six years,

spent one year at Lima, Ohio, and for four years was located at Logansport, Ind. From the latter city he came to Dayton in 1895, and here has been in the enjoyment of a constantly increasing practice ever since, his present offices being located at Jefferson and Fourth streets. Doctor Longnecker is one who has always lived up to high ideals in his profession, and is now reaping the reward of his many years of faithful service. Standing high among his associates, he earnestly tries to prove worthy of the great trust reposed in his skill and ability and the success that attends his practice proves that the confidence which he inspires is not misplaced. Broad in his sympathies, he has always given liberally to aid worthy charities, and his support can be depended upon in the furtherance of measures he believes will work for the advancement of the community and its people. He is a member of the National Association of Orificial Surgeons and of various other organizations, professional and social, and is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine. He was married in 1884, to Clara, daughter of Doctor Lowrey, of Rose Hill, Ohio, and they are the parents of two children: Hilton, who is a resident of Cambridge, Md.; and Irene, residing with her parents.

Karl K. Lorenz. For more than a quarter of a century one of the leading concerns in the field of sacred music and religious publishing has been the Lorenz Publishing company, at Dayton, a house that has become widely and favorably known because of the importance and wide range of its operations. The junior partner of this concern, Karl K. Lorenz, who has been identified with the business since leaving college halls, was born at Westerville, Ohio, September 19, 1879, a son of Rev. Edmund S. and Florence (Kumler) Lorenz. Edmund S. Lorenz was born in Stark county, Ohio, July 13, 1854, a son of Edward and Barbara (Gueth) Lorenz, natives of Germany, his father being the editor of a religious paper as well as a minister in the United Brethren church. Edmund S. Lorenz attended the public schools of Toledo, and after his graduation from the high school put himself through Otterbein university, being graduated from that institution with the class of 1880 and the degrees of B. A. and M. A. He next attended Yale Divinity school, and with the class of 1883 received the degree of D. D., following which he spent one year in German universities and in travel. Returning to this country, he became pastor of the High Street United Brethren church, Dayton, where he remained two years, spent one year as German chaplain at the Soldiers' home, Dayton, and finally became president of Lebanon Valley college, at Annville, Pa., where he remained two years. Here overwork caused a complete nervous collapse which forced a retirement from all labor for three years and the life-long renunciation of public life. For some time Mr. Lorenz had been convinced of the need of a publishing house with proper equipment for the exclusive publishing of religious matter, and particularly of sacred music, and his plans culminated in the founding of the Lorenz Publishing company, at Dayton, in 1890. From that time to the present this publishing house has been an accepted authority in

matters of this nature, and has been the medium through which some of the world's best religious literature and most beautiful sacred music has found circulation and recognition. Mr. Lorenz is president of the College Park Improvement company. He has always been deeply interested in the city's welfare and at all times his sympathy and support have been with the measures that in any way benefit Dayton. His religious connection is with the Fourth Presbyterian church, of which he is an elder. October 1, 1878, he was married to Miss Florence L. Kumler, daughter of Henry P. Kumler, of Montgomery county, and to this union there have been born five children: Karl K.; Justina, the wife of Prof. J. B. Showers, of Bonebrake Theological seminary; Mary, the wife of Rev. Courtland C. Van Dusen, missionary to China; Edward H., engaged in Y. M. C. A. work at Dayton; and Barbara, a senior at Vassar college. Karl K. Lorenz attended the public schools of Dayton, following which he was sent to Columbia college, and graduated therefrom with the class of 1901, receiving the degree of B. A. At that time he joined the Lorenz Publishing company, and has since remained in the capacity of junior partner, as well as business manager. He is a director of the College Park Improvement company and has other connections, civic and business; is a member of the Dayton Rotary club, and a trustee of the Y. M. C. A.; and belongs to Grace Methodist Episcopal church, where he is superintendent of the Sunday school and a member of the board of trustees. In private life Mr. Lorenz is genial and whole-souled, a delightful host and always a welcome guest and under all circumstances measures up to the highest standards which mark the individual as a serviceable factor in the world's work of progress and advancement. June 5, 1906, he married Caroline B. Boalt, daughter of John R. and Ellen (Schreffler) Boalt, of Dayton, and they have three children: Ellen Jane, Gretchen and Edmund Boalt.

Louis J. P. Lott. Something beyond mere opportunity is necessary to elevate an individual above the level of every-day accomplishments. Unless he possesses that divine spark of genius for his life work, he will generally continue to rank with the great majority composing the army of mediocrity. This is particularly applicable to the profession of architecture, whose eminent members can be easily enumerated. Still practically upon the threshold of his career, Louis J. P. Lott has already demonstrated the possession of talents that place him at once among the leaders of his calling. His opportunities at Dayton, his native city, have been numerous, but without the inherent ability he could never have ascended, within a few short years to a commanding position in his difficult field of endeavor. Mr. Lott was born at Dayton, July 9, 1872, a son of George and Louise (Roth) Lott, natives of Germany and now both deceased. His father, who came to the United States during the '60s, was a tailor by trade, and followed that vocation throughout a long, useful and successful career. Louis J. P. Lott attended the public schools of Dayton, and, early evidencing the possession of marked talent in an architectural way, was at the age of fourteen years sent to Europe, where, until he was twenty-eight years old, he was given the best training that

could be furnished by the most eminent instructors. His youthful mind was trained and developed by much travel amid artistic surroundings, and; among others, he pursued complete courses in technical schools at Cologne and the polytechnic at Munich. Returning to the United States in 1900, he remained for five years at Dayton, and then went to New York city, where he practiced his profession for four years. In 1909 he again went to Europe, studying at the Ecole de Dau Art, Paris, for two years, and then returned to Dayton, where his success was immediate. Among his numerous commissions may be mentioned the Henry Burkhardt residence on Huffman Hill, the residences of Adam Schantz, Arthur Nevins, Blackmore, Allabaugh, Fowler Smith, Theo Legler, Clara Ohmer, Dr. Curtis Ginn and W. B. Patterson; five houses in the Hills and Dales community for J H. Patterson; the residences of J. R. Fletcher, Henry Ditzel, Dr. Breese; Ed. Hall and John Breene: all except about twenty houses on the Schantz estate plat; the Oakwood school; the McKinley Park; gardens for J. C. Haswell, Arthur Nevins and Adam Schantz, and the new city workhouse on workhouse farm. Mr. Lott's professional success has not been accidental, but well earned and well deserved. Of strong, vigorous, artistic intellect, he has brought to his architectural work the reinforcement of wide and varied culture. His love of his profession and his devotion to its highest ideals have led him to a mastery of its learning and technique which busy architects rarely acquire. In addition to this he has been a man of wide reading and research, and there are few paths of literature, especially those connected with his profession, which he has left untrodden. Mr. Lott is a member of the American Institute of Architects and holds a high place in the ranks of his calling. He has few outside connections, but belongs to the Dayton Country club and to the Greater Dayton association.

Joseph E. Lowes, one of the leading construction engineers of Dayton, has built a number of the more important business blocks and public buildings at Dayton and other Ohio cities. He was born at Dayton, Ohio, November 15, 1883, a son of Dr. Joseph E. Lowes of Canada. Joseph E. Lowes attended the public schools of Dayton, Ohio, Lawrenceville preparatory school and Yale-Sheffield university, being graduated from the latter in 1904, with the degree of E. E. Following his securing of his degree, Mr. Lowes associated himself with the Dayton & Muncie railroad, remaining with it for eighteen months, and for one year of that period was vice-president of the road. He then organized the Dayton Builders' Supply company, of which he was made president, and he held that office from 1908 until 1910, when he was with W. W. Luyster for a short period. Mr. Lowes then engaged in construction work on the percentage basis, and since 1910, has continued alone, his office being located in the Schwind building. Among others Mr. Lowes has constructed the following buildings: The Mercer county courthouse, of Mercer county, Pa.; the buildings of the Miami university at Oxford, Ohio; the army post at Fort Sill, Okla.; the plant of J. B. Clow at Coshocton, Ohio; the Fidelity building at Dayton, Ohio; and in this and all of his work has

established his reputation as a man who lives up to the letter and spirit of his contracts. January 25, 1906, Mr. Lowes was united in marriage with Miss Mary Frances Schaeffer, a daughter of Harry S. Schaeffer of Dayton, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Lowes have two children, namely: Joseph E., jr., and Alice Jane. Mr. Lowes belongs to the Rotary, Dayton and Bicycle clubs. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. His work in connection with the Y. M. C. A. proves his interest in that organization. A Mason, Mr. Lowes has attained to the Thirty-second Degree and he is also a Shriner. A man skilled in his profession, Mr. Lowes is naturally entrusted with some very important contracts, and his work is not confined to Ohio, but is spread over a wide territory. Making Dayton his headquarters, Mr. Lowes' interest is naturally centered here, and he has been instrumental in bringing about some important improvements in the city, his support being invariably given to those measures which are backed by the substantial men of his community.

William J. Lukaswitz. The packing and handling of leaf tobacco as an industry at Dayton has a number of capable and reliable representatives, among whom none is more prominent than the firm of Lukaswitz-Weaver company, a business which from small beginnings has, through careful and capable direction, developed into an enterprise of importance and extensive scope. The head of this business, William J. Lukaswitz, who was one of its founders, has been connected with the leaf tobacco industry from the time that he entered upon his career as a business man, and through the passage of the years has become one of the best known men in the trade, being at the present time vice-president of the National Cigar Leaf Tobacco Association of the United States. Mr. Lukaswitz was born in Dayton March 9, 1869, a son of John Lukaswitz, who, coming to Dayton many years ago, established himself in the grocery and feed business and continued therein until his death in 1875. William J. Lukaswitz was given his education in the parochial school of Holy Trinity Catholic church and at St. Mary's institute, following which he prepared himself for a business career by a course in Wilt's Commercial college. His first employer was J. S. Wolf, who was in the tobacco business, and for whom he worked for four years, and at the time of that gentleman's death, his son, C. B. Wolf, and Mr. Lukaswitz formed a partnership under the style of Wolf & Lukaswitz. This was in 1890, when a factory at Webster and Monument avenue was occupied for the handling of all kinds of cigar leaf tobacco. In 1913 the business was incorporated as the Lukaswitz-Weaver company for $50,000, with the following officials: William J. Lukaswitz, president; I. H. Weaver, vice-president; and L. A. Timmer, secretary and treasurer. In the meantime, in 1895, the business had been removed to the present address, 734 E. Monument avenue, where constant enlargements have brought the available floor space up to 60,000 square feet, and 100 people are employed. This is a wholesale packing business, and the company's product is sold through New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Chicago brokers. The trade of the Lukaswitz-Weaver company has enjoyed a consistent and well-merited growth since its

inception, and this is due because of the fact that the concern has always followed a rigid policy of honest and straightforward dealing, has never misrepresented its product, and has always lived up to the letter of its contracts. Also because of the able manner in which its affairs have been handled by its chief executive, who has displayed marked business talents in his direction of its policies and operations. Mr. Lukaswitz is connected in several other capacities with the tobacco industry, having interests in the Planters Tobacco company, of Quincy, Florida, and being president of the Masner Tobacco company, of Versailles, O. An active member of the National Cigar Leaf Tobacco Association of the United States for some years, at its latest meeting he was honored by his fellow-members with the election to the vice-presidency of that body. Mr. Lukaswitz is a member of Emmanuel Catholic church and of the Knights of Columbus. He belongs to various other civic and social bodies, including the Greater Dayton association and the Bicycle, Dayton, Elks and Marquette clubs. January 25, 1893, Mr. Lukaswitz married Miss Bertha F. Edelmann, of Dayton, daughter of Christ Edelmann, of this city, and to this union there have been born three children: Myrtle, the wife of Ralph Bahringer, of Dayton, and Florence L. and William J., jr., residing with their parents.

William Bertram Mansur, M. D., a well known medical practitioner of Dayton, and a veteran of the World's war, is one of the younger members of his profession who has won advancement and recognition through his own industry and talent. He was born on a farm near Delaware, Delaware county, Ohio, September 18, 1888, and was reared and educated near his native place. After attending Ohio Wesleyan academy he entered the Cleveland Medical college, and in 1913 was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Doctor Mansur was further prepared by one year of work as an interne in the Miami Valley hospital, following which he embarked in private practice, and was so engaged until June, 1916. At that time he was accepted in the United States Medical Corps and was given a commission as first lieutenant, and March 5, 1918, was promoted to captain. He had been a member of the Ohio State Guard since August, 1914. June 23, 1918, he sailed for overseas and subsequently saw much active service on the French and Belgian fronts with the 148th infantry, in the Thirty-seventh Division. Returning to the United States March 23, 1919, he received his honorable discharge April 22, and since then has been engaged in practice at 814 South Wayne avenue. He has a splendid practice, and is a member of the Dayton Homeopathic Medical society, the Ohio State Homeopathic Medical society and the American Institute of Homeopathy, and belongs also to the Alpha Sigma college medical fraternity. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Royal League, Iola Lodge Knights of Pythias and Mystic Lodge of Masons. He is also a Veteran of Foreign Wars. April 29, 1919, Doctor Mansur married Viola, daughter of Asa Manchester, of Dayton.

Maximilian K. Margolis. In each of the learned professions the personality of the forceful man reveals itself. With increasing

experience in his vocation and added years of practice, he is able to secure a broader grasp upon matters pertaining to his calling, and with the recurrence of problems to handle them in a way affording better satisfaction. Such perfection is not acquired in a single day, and this is particularly true in the difficult field of corporation law, one which presents complications of the most difficult character, but the man of parts soon finds his place and with added experience advances to his goal. There have been few instances, however, in which the devotees of corporation law have so rapidly gained a position in public confidence and distinction in their profession as has Maximilian K. Margolis, who is generally accounted one of Dayton's most brilliant practitioners in his special field. Only three years have passed since he began practice in this city, yet he is now possessed of a large and important clientage and his victories in the courts have included some cases of widespread importance. Mr. Margolis was born at Suwalki, West Russia, March 1, 1884, a son of Abraham and Fannie (Krugman) Margolis. He was granted excellent educational advantages, first attending the high schools at his native place and then going to Berlin, where he pursued a course of study at the University of Berlin and was graduated with the class of 1903 and the degree of Master of Forestry. Later he became a student of philosophy at the University of Freiburg, graduating in 1907 with the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, and in that year came to the United States and almost immediately located at Dayton. Having determined upon a professional career, he first engaged himself variously while becoming conversant with customs, manners and language of his adopted land, and then entered the Cincinnati Law school and completed his course in 1915, receiving his degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was duly admitted to the bar that year, July 1, and one month later began practice in association with Judge Van Deman, with whom he continued until the latter's death, since which time Mr. Margolis has practiced alone. On January 1, 1918, he became associated with Judge Arthur Markey and R. M. Galloway, and they maintain offices in the Dayton Savings and Trust building. Mr. Margolis is a brilliant lawyer who is forcible in his application of the principles of the law, an eloquent pleader and a counsel of sound and unerring judgment. He has been retained on numerous occasions by large and prominent interests, and his defenses have been able, logical and convincing, while his arguments have shown thorough preparation, he having lost sight of no fact that might prove beneficial to his clients' interests and passing by no available point of attack in the armor of his opponent. Although he makes a specialty of corporation law he is equally well versed in other departments of his profession, and this work also brings him frequently before the federal courts. He is a Democrat in politics. Fraternally, he belongs to Dayton Lodge, No. 147, F. & A. M.; Echo Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and B'nai B'rith Lodge, the International Zionist Organization, and is a member of the Congregation House of Abraham. His professional connections include membership in the Dayton Federal District Bar association, the Montgomery County Bar association and the Ohio State Bar association.

William Allen Marietta, one of the veteran printers of Dayton, also enjoys the distinction of being one of the best-known Masons in the state of Ohio. A resident of Dayton since 1870, during nearly half a century his interests and energies have been nearly equally divided between his trade and his fraternal work, and in each he has always comported himself in such a way as to thoroughly merit the high esteem in which he has been universally held. Mr. Marietta was born at Piqua, Miami county, Ohio, January 15, 1847, a son of John and Mathilda (Reifsnider) Marietta, who were married in 1836 at Dayton, where Mr. Marietta's father was a turnpike builder, a potter and a baker at various times in his career. William A. Marietta was educated in the public schools of Piqua and at the age of thirteen years began to learn the trade of printer. At this time the Civil war came on to interrupt his career, as it did those of so many youths of the land, and Mr. Marietta, on his fifteenth birthday, succeeded in being accepted as a private in Company F, 11th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which organization he served three years to the day. Returning to Piqua in January, 1865, the brave young soldier soon secured employment at his trade and for more than five years remained at Piqua. In August, 1870, however, attracted by the greater opportunities of the larger city, he came to Dayton, where he took up his chosen vocation, and this he followed until 1909, since which time he has been secretary of Masonic bodies at the Masonic Temple. For many years Mr. Marietta had been interested in Masonry, having been secretary of Unity Chapter for twenty years and recorder of Reed Commandery for thirteen years. He is a past master of his lodge, chapter and council and belongs to all Masonic bodies, in which he has the friendship and respect of all with whom he has come into contact. Formerly a Democrat, of more recent years he has voted independently of party lines. His interest in his old Comrades of the Blue is retained as a mehber of Old Guard Post, G. A. R., and as secretary of the Eleventh Ohio association, also as presiding officer of the Union Veteran Legion. Mr. Marietta was married October 14, 1869, to Anna May, daughter of Seth and Electa (Simpson) Crowell, of Dayton, and to this union there were born six children: Susan, the wife of Charles Bergen, of Dayton; John S., of this city; Jennie, the wife of T. J. Callahan, of Dayton; Harry R. and William A., jr., of this city, and Bessie, the wife of T. H. Kelch, of Chicago.

Horace R. Marquis. Important among the manufacturing concerns at Dayton is The Barkelew Metal Products company, which was established for the manufacture of screw machine products in June, 1908, since that time has increased its capital stock, enlarged its facilities and changed its officials. At first the business was located at No. 111 E. Second street, at which time W. H. Johnson was president of the company and Charles S. Barkelew was secretary and treasurer. In September, 1909, removal was made to the rear of 131 E. Second street, where a building was erected for the company by the Fred Barth estate, and then in December, 1919, purchased property at corner of Richard and Bowen avenues. In May, 1911, the capital stock was increased from $10,000 to $25,000, and the following officers were elected: J. C. Collett, president;

W. W. Bishop, vice-president; Horace R. Marquis, secretary and treasurer. July 13, 1916, Mr. Marquis purchased the interest of J. C. Collett and W. W. Bishop, and new officials were elected, namely: Horace R. Marquis, president and treasurer; Robert E. Kline, vice-president; H. C. Marquis, secretary. The last election of officials took place March 4, 1918, resulting as follows: Horace R. Marquis, president and treasurer; L. V. Browne, vice-president; H. C. Marquis, secretary. The factory occupies 20,000 square feet of floor space and thirty people are employed. Horace R. Marquis was born at West Alexandria, Ohio, January 23, 1875. He attended the public schools of Dayton, but in boyhood became an employee of the National Cash Register company, going from there to the George J. Robert Pump company, and afterward, for three years, was with the Cleveland Automatic Machine company, afterward, for seven years was with the Roberts company, Dayton. In 1911 he first became identified with the company of which he has been so able an official since 1911. Mr. Marquis is well known in many circles at Dayton and is held in great esteem. May 11, 1896, he married Harriet, daughter of Jabez H. Roberts, of Dayton, and they have one child, Glenna T. Mr. Marquis is a Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner and belongs also to the Rotary, the Dayton City, the Country and the M. V. G. clubs, and the Y. M. C. A.

Matthias Marr, was born at Hamilton, Butler county, Ohio, June 2, 1854, a son of Matthias and Rosina (Ruhl) Marr, pioneers of that city. His educational advantages were those afforded by St. Stephen's Catholic school of Hamilton, in which he made good use of his time and opportunities and throughout his entire life strove to exemplify the highest type of citizenship. As a youth he manifested unusual business talent, and early became identified with the paper manufacturing business with which he was connected for forty-five years. He learned papermaking in the Beckett & Laurie mill at Hamilton, and afterwards was employed at Friend & Foxe's mill, Lockland, Ohio, and the Louis Snyder mill at Hamilton. In 1882 he was superintendent of the Mead Paper mill at Dayton, and after six years went to Black River, N. Y., where he superintended the construction of the mills for the Jefferson Paper company, and was for some time manager for that concern. In 1892 he came to Miamisburg to assume the position as superintendent of the Ohio Paper company, and remained an active factor in the management of this concern until the time of his death. After resigning the superintendency of this mill, he continued as the treasurer, looking after the financial interests of the corporation. For more than twenty years Mr. Marr's time and energy were devoted to the building up of the Ohio Paper mill, with which he was so prominently known, and its prosperity and popularity may be attributed in no small degree to his quiet faithfulness and untiring efforts. He was a man of not only great mental capacity and steadfast purpose, but universally respected for his high code of business ethics and consistent moral character. October 19, 1881, Mr. Marr was united in marriage with Anna M., daughter of Frank and Catherine (Meier) Waller, of Hamilton and pioneers of Butler county. They became the parents of one daughter, Anna Viola, who is the wife

of Harry W. Schieble, secretary and treasurer of the Ohio Paper mill at Miamisburg, Ohio. Mrs. Marr still maintains her home at Miamisburg, where she is surrounded by a wide circle of friends and is greatly admired for her sterling qualities and beauty of character. Mr. Marr served as a member of the board of public affairs and as park commissioner. In business life he was alert, sagacious and reliable; as a citizen he was honorably prompt and true to every engagement, and his death, which occurred October 3, 1913, removed from Miamisburg one of its most valued citizens.

A. McL. Marshall. Of the men of Dayton whose strong, clear intellects, innate sagacity and intuitive spirit of comprehension are devoted to the practice of law, and one who has achieved a full measure of success and won the respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens is A. McL. Marshall. Mr. Marshall, who has been engaged in practice for nearly a quarter of a century, was born at Wapakoneta, the county seat of Auglaize county, Ohio, a son of R. D. Marshall, in his day one of Dayton's well-known lawyers. His education was obtained in the public schools of Dayton, at Princeton university, from which institution he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1892, and at the New York Law school, where he was a member of the graduating class of 1894. In that same year he was admitted to the bar of Ohio and at once became associated in practice with his father at Dayton, thus coninuing until the elder man retired. At that time Mr. Marshall formed a partnership with Judge Snediker, but this relation was severed some time later when the latter was elevated to the bench, and for a time Mr. Marshall practiced alone. Subsequently he had as a partner Jay Leach, but at present he is carrying on an independent professional business, having a general practice which takes him into all the courts. Mr. Marshall is a member of the Montgomery County Bar association and has won success in his chosen calling through industry and intelligence, and was never known to resort to misrepresentation in handling his cases. As a citizen he has been a supporter of public-spirited movements, and his connection with several civic organizations has given him an outlet for his energies in this direction. Mr. Marshall belongs to several of the leading clubs of the city and is also fairly well known in fraternal circles.

John L. Marshall. In manufacturing circles of Dayton there are found numerous men now at the head of responsible and prosperous concerns who entered upon their careers with only their own ambitions as aids and guides. Through native ability, earnest industry and the added accomplishments that have been gained through experience, study and observation, these men have fought their own way upward, eventually reaching their goal because of the determination which had them started on their well-directed paths. Among the men noted in this class is to be found John L. Marshall, president of the Marshall & Smith Tool company, and a man who has trod the hard but satisfying self-made road to success. He was born at Fairhaven, Preble county, Ohio, August 16, 1876, a son of James W. Marshall, who is now retired and makes his home with his son. John L. Marshall attended the public schools of Preble county, and when he entered upon his career went

to Deming, N. M., where he was employed on a railroad for a time. Later he went to Barton, Fla., where he learned the pipefitter's trade, a vocation which he followed upon his return to his native place for one year. Afterward he was identified with the Hamilton Machine and Tool company, where he learned the trade of toolmaker, and for three years worked at that vocation at Cincinnati as an employee of the firm of Schumacher & Boye. In that city he was also employed by the Bullock Electrical company, at the expiration of his term of service with which concern he came to Dayton and accepted a position with the National Cash Register company. Mr. Marshall was with that great plant for eleven years, and then went to the Delco plant, where he remained three years. August 18, 1919, with Floyd L. Smith he bought the plant of the Superior Tool company, a concern which had been established some years before at No. 16 North Canal street, to manufacture jigs, tools, dies and fixtures, by H. W. Williams, president, and William Watson, secretary and treasurer, the original capital stock being $50,000. In 1917 the business was removed to its present location, at Nos. 200-206 E. Fifth street, where twenty-five people are employed. During the period of the great war the company was engaged 100 per cent in government work. The business as conducted by Messrs. Marshall & Smith has a capital stock of $10,000, and is firmly established as an important factor in manufactures of its kind. Mr. Marshall, who acts as president of the firm, Mr. Smith being secretary and treasurer, has impressed his ability upon his associates and well merits the confidence which he holds as an energetic man of high business acumen and excellent principles. He is a Scottish Rite Mason and belongs to St. John's Blue Lodge and the Mystic Shrine, and also holds membership in Oregon Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and Dayton Tent, Knights of the Maccabees. With his family, he belongs to Raper Methodist Episcopal church. May 2, 1899, Mr. Marshall married Laura, daughter of James D. McDivitt, of Fairhaven, Ohio, and they have had three children: Miss Leona C., who resides with her parents, and James Ralph and Eulali Belle, who are both deceased.

Ward Earl Marshall. In this twentieth century, the age of progress and advancement, the robe of responsibility rests upon the shoulders of the younger element of agriculturists, in which class stands Ward Earl Marshall, one of the younger generation whose efforts promise to lend vigor and prestige to the future of Clay township, just as they have assisted to better and strengthen it in the past. Mr. Marshall has passed his entire life in Montgomery county, and both he and his estimable wife are members of old and honored families, long prominent in the Miami valley. He was born in this county February 6, 1888, the second in a family of three children, of whom two are living, the other being O. J., who was educated in the public schools and is now successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits in Clay township. His father, Albert H. Marshall, is of English descent, and was born in Montgomery county, where he was educated in the public schools and reared to farming, a pursuit in which he is now engaged, although he was also for some years engaged in the implement business at Brookville,

where he likewise dealt in automobiles. The home is now in Clay township, where Mr. and Mrs. Marshall are devout members of the Church of the Brethren. Mrs. Marshall, who bore the maiden name of Mary Ann Steffy, was born in Miami county, Ohio, and received a common school education. Ward Earl Marshall was sent to the public schools in the country as a youth, but is for the greater part self-educated, and is an omnivorous reader of good books and current literature. Reared on the home farm, when he attained man's estate he adopted that vocation as his own and thus far in his career has been very successful. In his efforts to acquire prosperity he has been ably assisted by his capable and accomplished wife, who was Martha Edna Brumbaugh, and whom he wedded January 31, 1909. A son, Albert Henry, has blessed this union, and is the light and life of the beautiful and happy home on "Just-a-mere Farm." gomery county, Ohio, June 12, 1889, a daughter of Rev. John H. and Mrs. Marshall was born on a farm in Randolph township, Mont-Sophia Catherine (Bookmiller) Brumbaugh, both of her parents being deceased. Reverend Brumbaugh was a great and noble character and earnest Christian worker in the vineyards of the Lord, and was a pastor beloved of his people in the Church of the Brethren. He received his education in Pennsylvania, his native state. Mrs. Brumbaugh was born in Hanover, Germany, and was a child of five years when she took passage with her parents on a sailing vessel, which made port in the United States after a voyage of from eight to ten weeks. Frequently in after years she was fond of relating the events of that journey to her children. While a small lady in stature, she was possessed of great energy, and also had a big, warm Christian heart which was full of sympathy and compassion for the sick, poor and needy. Mrs. Marshall's parents were laid to rest in the Bethel cemetery, where monuments stand sacred to their memory. Mrs. Marshall received her education in the common schools. Her nature is a happy one, and her encouragement and assistance have been great factors in her husband's success, while her home is her chief interest in life. "Just-a-mere Farm" is always cordially open to the many sincere friends of this popular young couple, who have formed many congenial acquaintanceships in their locality. Mrs. Marshall has three brothers and two sisters, and all are residents of Montgomery county, with the exception of one brother, Rev. John Calvin Brumbaugh, a pastor in the Church of the Brethren at Cerro Gordo, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall are members of the Church of the Brethren near Phillipsburg, and Mr. Marshall is a staunch Republican, his first presidential vote having been cast in favor of the candidacy of William Howard Taft.

William K. Marshall, who is engaged in the practice of law at Dayton, Ohio, was born in the city of Troy, N. Y., October 27, 1881. In his childhood he accompanied his father, George Marshall, to Dayton, and he obtained his education in the public schools. He studied law in the offices of Sprigg & Fitzgerald and was admitted to the bar in 1904 and practiced with that firm until 1916, when he began practicing alone. He is a member of the Montgomery County Bar association and the Ohio State Bar association.

Rodney W. Martin. Among the business houses which have been in existence at Dayton for more than thirty-five years, and one which early gained the well-merited confidence of the public is that which now bears the name of Rodney W. Martin. This music house is one of those which has always been under the management of members of the same family, son having succeeded father as proprietor, and the name of Martin in this connection has come to be considered as synonymous with straightforward and upright business principles. Rodney W. Martin was born at Cleveland, Ohio, January 21, 1882, a son of James C. and Elizabeth A. (Pence) Martin. His father, a native of Lafayette, Ohio, was in his younger years a school teacher and also studied law and was admitted to the bar, although the profession of law did not hold him. Coming to Dayton in 1882, in 1883 he founded the business which is now conducted by his son, at that time known as J. C. Martin & Co., located on North Main street, near Second. In 1887 he changed the location to its present site, at the southeast corner of Fourth and Jefferson streets, and continued as the active head of the concern until his retirement in 1906. From that time he lived quietly until his death, April 1, 1918. He was considered an excellent business man, of the soundest integrity and of the highest order of citizenship, and was a faithful member of the Third Street Presbyterian church. Mrs. Martin survives him and is a resident of Dayton. Their children were: Rodney W., Gretchen Elaine, wife of Harold McMullen, of Toronto, Can., and Mildred, wife of William Carter, jr., of Crozet, Va. Rodney W. Martin was educated in the public schools and Shauck preparatory school of Dayton, and upon completing his studies became associated with his father in the present business. In 1915 this enterprise was incorporated as the J. C. Martin company for $50,000, with the following officials: J. C. Martin, president; E. A. Martin, vice-president, and R. W. Martin, secretary, treasurer and general manager. Shortly before the death of his father R. W. Martin purchased the business, February 4, 1918, and since that time it has been known as Rodney W. Martin. He gives employment to four people, handles pianos, player pianos, Columbia Grafonolas, Columbia records and player rolls, has built up a large and profitable patronage, and is considered one of the able, progressive and energetic business men of his line in the city. He is an active member of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, and his fraternal affiliation is with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. June 28, 1911, Mr. Martin married Opal M., daughter of Joseph and Emma (Worch) Murphy, of Dayton.

Hon. Ulysses S. Martin. The career of Hon. Ulysses S. Martin stands in contradistinction to the old adage that a prophet is never without honor save in his own country, for Judge Martin is a native son of Montgomery county, where he has directed his activities and efforts. His name is indelibly inscribed upon the history of jurisprudence here, and as a lawyer, jurist and citizen he has established a distinguished and worthy record. This has been due to his inherent force of character, his improvement of opportunity, his strong purpose, his unfaltering fidelity to principle and his allegiance to the public welfare. Judge Martin was born on a farm in Randolph

township, Montgomery county, Ohio, March 4, 1866, a son of Christian and Maria (Frantz) Martin. Christian Martin was born at Lewisburg, Preble county, Ohio, in 1830, and was about twenty-six years of age when he came to Montgomery county. By occupation a farmer, he continued as a tiller of the soil throughout his career and through his industry and perseverance won his way to a modest competence. Mr. Martin was greatly respected and esteemed in the community of his home and was looked upon as a man capable of taking care of public affairs. Although he was a Republican, and the district in which he lived was nominally Democratic by a large majority, he was considered one of the strongest men in public affairs in his locality, wielding a decided influence in moulding public opinion, and was elected and served three terms as trustee of Randolph township. When he died, in 1892, his community lost a good citizen. Mrs. Martin, who is now eighty-five years of age, was born about two miles northwest of Trotwood, in Montgomery county, in which village she now resides. Ulysses S. Martin was reared as a farmer's boy and in the usual manner of the sons of the agriculturists of his day and locality, remained on the home farm until he was eighteen years of age and divided his time between assisting his father and acquiring an education. Until he was sixteen years old he attended the district schools of his native county, and he then enjoyed two years of study at the high school of Randolph township, located at Harrisburg, now Englewood. With this preparation he was qualified to teach school, his charges being in the rural districts and his terms in the winter months. Thus he earned the means with which to attend the Western Normal university at Ada, Ohio, during the summer months, a course which he pursued for three years. He next began a course of study at Otterbein university, thus further preparing himself, and graduated from that institution with the degree of B. A. in June, 1892. Following this Judge Martin taught school for another year, and then began reading law in the spring of 1893 in the office of Carr, Allaman & Kennedy, of Dayton. The young man had some advantage over most youths who enter upon this, one of the hardest parts of the lawyer's career. He had already commenced to read law while still engaged in his schoolmaster's duties, having decided upon that profession for his career a number of years before; and thus it was not necessary to spend so much time in a novitiate as otherwise he would have had to do. He was admitted to the bar in June, 1894, and in the July which followed opened an office in the Callahan Bank building, engaging in the active practice of his profession along general lines. He soon attracted to himself a clientele of the most desirable kind and rose rapidly in his profession until he occupied a place among the leading lawyers of the city. After five years' practice in the law he was nominated and elected prosecuting attorney of Montgomery county, Ohio, on the Republican ticket, in 1899. He was re-elected to the position in 1902, leading his ticket in both campaigns. At the close of his second term as prosecuting attorney Judge Matthews having resigned his position as common pleas judge, Mr. Martin was selected by Gov. Myron T. Herrick to fill the vacancy and has since been elected as common pleas judge for three

consecutive terms with overwhelming majorities. Judge Martin is connected with various social bodies, is a member of the I. O. O. F., the K. P. and the Masons, and has been identified with civic movements which have contributed materially to the advancement and welfare of Dayton's interests and those of its citizens. Judge Martin was married November 27, 1894, to Laura C. Denlinger, of Dayton.

Milton H. Mathews. The well-known business operating under the name of The Thomas Manufacturing company may be classed as one of the leaders in its line at Dayton, and its founder, Milton H. Mathews, is one of the progressive men of the city and has fairly won a place for himself among the strong business men of his adopted city. Mr. Mathews was born near the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, September 12, 1873, a son of Rev. G. W. Mathews, now bishop of the United Brethren church. He attended the public schools of Cincinnati and Dayton and the Steele High school at Dayton, following which he took a course at Otterbein university, from which he was graduated with the class of 1897, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Following the wishes of his father, he adopted teaching as his vocation and was for nine years professor of mathematics in the Steele High school. However, during this time he had kept up his interest in business affairs, in which he had always shown a confidence in his own ability to participate, and in February, 1904, became the founder of The Thomas Manufacturing company, for the manufacture of phonographic equipment, kerosene mantel lamps and lanterns. The unique position which this general mail order business now occupies in relation to the trade interests of the country is well known, and under the progressive policy of Mr. Mathews rapid growth has been one of the features of the house's history, and it now has as its territory the entire United States and Canada, selling through agents, and having offices at New York, Chicago and Toronto. There are 300 people employed in the building at Wayne and Third streets, whence the business was moved in 1913, and where there are available 100,000 square feet of floor space, and during the world war the production of the concern averaged 50 per cent. The business is incorporated for $300,000, and the following are the present officials: Milton H. Mathews, president; G. W. Mathews, vice-president; W. R. Funk, secretary, and F. B. Jennings, treasurer. Mr. Mathews is a member of the First United Brethren church. Fraternally he is a Scottish Rite Mason of the thirty-second degree, and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and he also holds membership in the Dayton and Bicycle clubs. Mr. Mathews was twice married, his first wife being Frances Wuichet, a daughter of Charles Wuichet, a prominent business man of Dayton. Mr. Matthews took for his second wife Elizabeth Miller, daughter of Theodore Miller, of Logan county, Ohio.

Hon. Edwin P. Matthews. During a period of more than thirty-eight years Hon. Edwin P. Matthews has been an active member of the Dayton bar, among whose distinguished members, by his learning, industry, ability and character he has attained a high rank, while he has been no less valued in the community as a liberal-minded and enterprising citizen. His professional success

has not been accidental, but well earned and well deserved. Of strong, vigorous intellect, he has brought to legal practice the reinforcement of wide and varied culture. His love of the law and devotion to his profession have led him to a mastery of its learning which busy lawyers rarely acquire. But in spite of the exacting duties of a large and important practice, he has also borne more than a fair share of the labors of public life, accomplishing not less for the public welfare than for his own advantage; and at the same time has preserved his love of letters and his indulgence in the amenities of a refined and gentle life. Judge Matthews was born at Dayton, Ohio, March 22, 1858, a son of Fitch James and Frances A. (Parrot) Matthews. He first attended the public schools of Dayton, following which he enrolled as a student at Kenyon college, Gambier, Ohio, and was graduated as a member of the class of 1879. Prior to this, January 1, 1878, he had commenced to read law in the office of Warren Munger, a well-known Dayton attorney, and remained with that gentleman until he was admitted to the bar, May 5, 1880. At that time he started active practice with George O. Warrington, with whom he continued in association for two years, following which he was alone until 1906 or 1907, when he became a member of the firm of Rowe, Shuey, Matthews & James. The death of Mr. Shuey caused the style of the concern to be changed to Rowe, Matthews & James, which it remained until the death of Mr. Rowe, in March, 1911, the firm then becoming Matthews, James & Matthews, with the admission of Judge Matthews' son, William, as a partner. In January, 1913, the firm of Matthews & Matthews was founded, and this continues at this time, with offices at 67-69 Callahan Bank building. Judge Matthews has carried on a general practice for the most part, but has given his attention preferably to cases which have involved corporate questions. His superior qualifications for this branch of legal practice were recognized in 1908, by his being retained by the Pennsylvania Lines as counsel for Madison, Greene, Clark, Warren, Montgomery and Butler counties, and this position he has continued to fill. For some years Judge Matthews was connected in a legal capacity with the Dayton Lighting company, and when its successor, the Dayton Power & Light company, was founded, in 1911, he was made a vice-president and general counsel, positions which he still retains. He is a valued member of the Montgomery County Bar association, the Ohio State Bar association, the American Bar association and the Lawyers' club. Judge Matthews was a member of the Dayton city council from 1888 to 1892 as representative of the first ward, and during this time, from April, 1889, to April, 1890, acted as president of that body. In 1892 he was made a member of the board of deputies, state supervisors of elections, and remained in that office four years. From October 5, 1894, to the fall of 1905 he served as United States commissioner. On May 1, 1895, he became city solicitor, remaining in that capacity until November, 1905. He left the city solicitor's office at that time, when he was elected on the Republican ticket as judge of the court of common pleas, to succeed Judge Kumler, deceased, and when he resigned from that bench was succeeded by Judge U. S. Martin. While Judge Matthews' career at Dayton has

been replete with engrossing professional employment and with the duties of important office, he has found time to devote to society and he is a member of numerous clubs and to the Theta Delta Chi college fraternity. He was married October 12, 1882, to Miss Edna M. Mills, daughter of William M. and Margaret (Bowersock) Mills, of Dayton. To this union there have been born six children: William M., born in 1884, a member of the firm of Matthews & Matthews; Margaret, who is the wife of S. M. McCain, of Syracuse, N. Y.; Fitch James, born June 18, 1892, who entered the U. S. infantry during the great war and was stationed at Camp Sherman, where he was made a second lieutenant; Edwin P., jr., who was also a second lieutenant in the infantry while at Camp Meade; David T., born March 14, 1897, who enlisted as a private in Battery D and saw service in France, and George T., born February 27, 1900, who is at home with his parents.

Haveth E. Mau. In a conspicuous place on the roll of Dayton's distinguished younger members of the profession of law is found the name of Haveth E. Mau, a native of the great city which he has always made his home and a splendid type of the alert, progressive and public-spirited Daytonian whose record is an indication that success is ambition's answer. While he has been engaged in practice but eleven years, his connection with cases of important legal jurisprudence has made him a more or less familiar figure in the courts, and among those who entered upon their professional duties at the same time as did he, no lawyer in the city has a better record for high and straightforward professional conduct or for success gained without animosity and with honor. Mr. Mau was born at Dayton July 4, 1886, a son of Julius Mau, who was well known in business circles of the city for a number of years. After receiving his primary training in the graded and high schools, he went to Ohio Northern university, at Ada, Ohio, and there completed his studies for his chosen calling, being graduated in law with the class of 1907. He was admitted to the bar in December of that year, whereupon he immediately commenced practice in association with Ralph Hoskot. This relation was severed January 1, 1917, since which time Mr. Mau has practiced alone, his offices now being located at No. 501 Conover building. Mr. Mau is identified with several professional organizations, as well as with social bodies. His work has brought him into connection and acquaintance with a number of well-known business men and his knowledge of business conditions has been utilized to good advantage. His life has at all times been characterized by unfaltering adherence to those principles which, aside from any professional or social distinction to which he has attained, win for the individual the unqualified respect and confidence of his fellow-men.

Forrest L. May. For length and quality of service, for faithful performance of important and arduous duties, and for earnest endeavor to elevate the standards and increase the efficiency of his department, the record of Forrest L. May is one decidedly worthy of emulation by public officials. Nearly a quarter of a century ago Mr. May entered the Dayton postoffice in a clerical capacity and through his efficiency and fidelity steadily advanced in the service,

reaping the rewards of his industry in consecutive promotions, until in 1913 he deservedly received the appointment by President Wilson of the office of postmaster of Dayton. Since assuming the duties of that position his work has been characterized by the same thoughtful and careful attention to every detail and the same untiring industry that had marked his labors during the years that he was working his way up the ladder, and the people of the Gem city have been accorded a service that is at once accurate and expeditious. Postmaster Forrest L. May was born near the town of Miamisburg, Montgomery county, Ohio, July 21, 1868, a son of Samuel and Mary E. (Getter) May. The family has been known favorably in Montgomery county for many years, Samuel May having been born in Jackson township there, while the mother was born near Miamisburg. Samuel May was reared as a farmer and passed his entire life in agricultural pursuits, being a reliable and steady going citizen and an agriculturist of the progressive and industrious type. He has been dead now for some years, while his widow still survives him, in advanced years, her home being at New Lebanon, Ohio. The early education of Forrest L. May was secured in the district schools of the country adjacent to his father's farm and he grew up in an agricultural atmosphere, but the life of a farmer did not appeal to him. His earliest ambitions led toward a professional career, and with the thought of becoming a physician he entered, in 1892, the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery and remained as a student there for one year. Perhaps his ambitions in that direction had been influenced by the study and observation which were included in his experience as a country school teacher in Montgomery county, at which vocation he had spent six years of young manhood. Mr. May, however, came to the conclusion that the medical profession was not his forte, and in 1894 he secured a position in the Dayton postoffice as a city distributor. The work connected with this post was more or less of a routine nature, but required accuracy and speed, and Mr. May, giving to his work his best efforts, soon became known as one of the most efficient cogs in the machinery that handled Dayton's large mail. When a vacancy occurred above him he naturally was advanced to a new position, and this operation was repeated from time to time in the years that followed, each of his advancements being the result of merit recognized. May 6, 1913, President Wilson appointed Mr. May postmaster at Dayton, and he assumed the duties of that office May 19, and on July 21, 1917, received his second appointment, discharging his duties faithfully to the present time. The office of postmaster of a large city like Dayton is one which entails work of the most responsible character. Not only is the general mail stupendous in size, but in its importance rivals that of the largest cities in the country. As the home of great business interests, a manufacturing center and a community where commercial and industrial affairs of the utmost importance are carried on on a large scale, it is necessary that the mail matter be handled rapidly and without mistake. Mr. May, having worked his way up through all the departments, is familiar with every detail of the postoffice routine, and through study and experiment has formulated a system that in its efficiency is second to none in the

United States. His work has been duly appreciated by the people and has been commended on a number of occasions in a public way. Mr. May is a staunch Democrat, and his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. He has attained the Scottish Rite in Masonry, is a Pythian and an Eagle, and holds membership in the Democratic, Kiwanis and Triangle clubs. June 28, 1899, he was married to Miss Elizabeth M. Hein, a daughter of Joseph and Philomena (Benke) Hein, well-known people of Celina, Ohio.

Andrew Ashby Maysilles. A record of the professional career of Andrew Ashby Maysilles, of Dayton, shows that he has been an honor to his calling and a valuable addition to the ranks of those who are laboring to bring about necessary changes in order to elevate educational ideals and improve present methods. A man of deep learning, profound in his ideas, practical in his suggestions, he has naturally taken a notable place among his associates, and for many years has figured prominently in educational circles of the Miami valley. Since 1914 he has occupied the position of superintendent of schools of Montgomery county, and during this time has done much to assist the cause of education and to advance the public school system. Professor Maysilles was born on his father's farm in Lanier township, Preble county, O., April 21, 1870, a son of Benjamin F. and Rachael (De Vinney) Maysilles. His father, a native of Washington county, Md., came in young manhood to Montgomery county, O., where he was married, his wife being a native of that county, and in 1868 removed to Preble county, where he established his home in Lanier township. A blacksmith by trade, he followed that vocation with some success, being a skilled workman and one in whom the community could place faith, and also engaged in farming in a small way when not employed at his forge and anvil. When he was about sixty years of age he retired from active affairs, and from that time until his death, ten years later, lived quietly with his son. Mrs. Maysilles, who survives him at an advanced age, makes her home with her son at Dayton. Andrew A. Maysilles was given his early education in the public schools of Preble and Montgomery counties and the high school at Brookville, and, having shown inclinations for a professional career, was allowed to continue his studies at the normal university at Ada, where he was graduated with the class of 1891. Subsequently he did post-graduate work at Miami university. With a view of entering the profession of law, he spent one year in study at the Ohio Normal university (Ada), but eventually centered his attention upon teaching. For some years he was engaged in instructing the young in the schools of Randolph township, Montgomery county, and later in Madison and Clay townships, and for five years followed high school work there, and in 1900 was made superintendent of the Brookville schools, a position which he retained for fifteen years. In August, 1914, Professor Maysilles received the appointment as superintendent of schools of Montgomery county, and this position he has since held. The profession of the educator is one than which, perhaps, there is none that demands more tact, judgment, patience, specialized knowledge and natural executive ability. Those who

enter into this important field, selecting it as their life work, are called upon to make many personal sacrifices, to endure many disappointments, and to often spend themselves for others without material gratitude in return. However, the vocation has its rewards and its satisfying features, and in the accomplishment of some of his ideals and ambitions Professor Maysilles has felt that upon the whole his career thus far has been one in which he has been amply repaid for his labors. He is a member of the Ohio State Teachers' association and the National Teachers' association, and is fraternally affiliated with the Masons, the Knights of Pythias, the Odd Fellows and the Junior Order United American Mechanics. One of his prime interests is character forming education. For nearly twenty years he has been interested in the temperance cause, and two years ago was made chairman of the Ohio Dry Federation. Of a deeply spiritual nature himself, and long a valued member of the United Brethren church, his religion is of a full-lived virile sort that commends itself at one to his pupils, and for some time past he has been a Sunday school teacher in the Oak Street United Brethren church, where he has a class of 125 men. Professor Maysilles was married October 6, 1901, to Miss Mary Alice McNelly, daughter of Warren and Sarah (Cloppert) McNelly, of Brookville, O. His offices are in the Memorial building, and since accepting the superintendency his home has been located in Dayton.

George H. Mead, of Dayton, is the executive head of one of the largest and best known wholesale paper manufacturing concerns in the middle west, and an example of that spirit of enterprise which has so distinguished Dayton during the last half a century. Here have been inaugurated, fostered and developed the great manufacturing projects which have carried the city's name and fame to far-distant countries, often arousing surprise, envy and emulation, and always commanding admiration. Behind these great enterprises stand the men who have either founded them or have contributed to their growth and development and have consistently carried out the policies which have brought such prosperity. Belonging to this class of energetic and capable business men is George H. Mead, who needs no introduction to the people of Dayton, for this is his native city and here for fifteen years he has been identified with the paper manufacturing industry. Mr. Mead was born November 5, 1877, a son of Harry Eldridge and Marianna (Houk) Mead. His father was born at Dayton, March 26, 1853, and attended the public schools, following which he spent one and one-half years at Phillips academy, Andover, Mass., and six months at Miami university, Oxford, Ohio. Later he passed two years at Hobart college, Geneva, N. Y., and then came to Dayton and entered the office of the Cooper Insurance company, becoming his father's assistant in business. He spent three and one-half years thus engaged, and for the next fifteen years was head of the firm of H. E. Mead & Company, wholesale dealers in paper. During this time, in 1881, he became the organizer of the Chicago Paper company, of Chicago, of which he was president for ten years. Mr. Mead was one of the prominent and influential business men of Dayton, and served as vice-president of the Dayton Board of Trade

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in addition to which he was the recipient of numerous civic honors and for a time was a member of the Oakwood board of education. In 1872 he joined the military organization known as the Dayton Zouaves, later as the Irish Guard, and rose to the rank of captain, serving until 1883, when he resigned. In 1886 he was made colonel on the staff of Governor Joseph B. Foraker and held that honor two years. On the reorganization of the Ohio National Guards, in 1899, Mr. Mead was elected colonel of the Third Infantry and commanded the regiment for five years, at the end of which period he declined the re-election. He was a member of the Elks, and was widely known in social circles, his club connections including affiliation with the Buz Fuz, Dayton City, Dayton Bicycle and Dayton clubs. His religious connection was with the Episcopal church. In all his associations, with friends, acquaintances, business competitors and the public at large, Mr. Mead impressed through a pleasing personality. He was interested in all that pertained to substantial progress in his native city, in all the cultural activities and material advancement that made notable modern advancement, and, as far as lay within his power, exerted his influence in these directions. Mr. Mead was married November 30, 1876, to Miss Marianna Houk, a daughter of Hon. George W. Houk, of Dayton. Three of their four children died in childhood. George H. Mead, the only surviving child of his parents, was educated in the public schools and Professor Wyland's private school at Dayton, graduated from Hobart college in 1897 with the degree of LL. B., and in 1900 received the degree of B. S. at the time of his graduation from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. For two years, he was occupied in following the vocation of chemical engineer, at Boston, but at the end of that period returned to Ohio and accepted employment in the Chillicothe paper mills for two years. When he came back to Dayton it was to join The Mead Pulp and Paper company, of which he has been president since 1912. The paper mills at present operated by this large industry at Dayton were established in this city as early as 1846 by Ells, Chaflin & Company, a concern which was succeeded ten years later by Weston & Mead. The latter style prevailed from 1856 to 1861, when the proprietors became Mead & Weston, and January 1, 1866, Thomas Nixon purchased Mr. Weston's interests and became an equal partner. July 13, 1881, D. E. Mead purchased Mr. Nixon's interests and the Mead Paper company was formed, with a capital of $150,000. D. E. Mead was president and C. D. Mead, secretary. December 6, 1890, the company purchased the pulp and paper mills of Ingham Mills & Company, at Chillicothe, Ohio, which, by a curious coincidence, were established in 1846. George H. Mead has numerous business interests, and is president of the Spanish River Pulp and Paper Mills, Ltd.; the Lake Superior Paper Company, Ltd.; president of the G. H. Mead Company; president of the Peerless Paper Company, also president of the Mead Investment Company, and a director of the City National bank. Aside from being one of the leading business men of his city and a man widely known in the paper trade as an authority, Mr. Mead is a public-spirited citizen who has contributed his moral support and

financial assistance to the encouragement of movements making for the advancement of education and higher ideals of citizenship. He is a valued member of the Chamber of Commerce and has numerous friends in the Buz Fuz and Dayton City clubs of which he is a member. Mr. Mead married Miss Elsie Louise Talbott, daughter of Col. H. E. Talbott, of Dayton, and they are the parents of three children: Elsie Louise, G. H. jr., and H. T.

Henry S. Mead. With the exception of a short experience in the automobile business, the entire career of Henry S. Mead has been identified with the paper manufacturing industry, and there are few men more widely or favorably known in the trade of the Miami valley. His present occupancy of the position of vice-president of the G. H. Mead company is one that carries with it prestige in business circles, as this corporation is one of the largest and most important in the middle west. Mr. Mead is a Daytonian by nativity, born August 4, 1879, a son of Charles D. and Sarah (Corwin) Mead, also natives of Dayton and members of old and prominent families of the Gem City. Charles D. Mead, who for many years was engaged in the paper trade here, and bore a spotless reputation as a business man and a citizen, died February 4, 1911, his widow surviving him till March 11, 1919, when she passed away. After attending the public schools, Henry S. Mead was sent to the Hotchkiss preparatory school, and then matriculated at Yale. He was graduated from that university with the class of 1902, when he received the degree of B. A., and immediately entered upon his career as a paper manufacturer, joining his father in business. Following the death of the elder man, he temporarily deserted the paper business, forming a business connection with the Speedwell Automobile company. It was not long, however, before he again resumed operations in the paper manufacturing line, becoming connected, in 1912, with the Lake Superior Paper company, with the sales office of which he was identified until 1916. At that time he joined the G. H. Mead Paper company, which was incorporated January 24th of that year, with a capital of $50,000, for the manufacture of paper and pulp. G. H. Mead was president, as he is today, and H. S. Mead occupied the positions of secretary and treasurer, and the growth of the business was so rapid that September 11, 1916, only eight months after its inception, it was found necessary to increase the capital to $100,000, double its original figure. In January, 1917, H. C. Conway became secretary of the concern, and in January, 1918, assumed also the duties of treasurer, Henry S. Mead at that time ascending to the vice-presidency. At that time, also, the capital was increased to $500,000, its present figure. Mr. Mead is accounted one of the astute, energetic and farsighted business men in a community where the activity of competition demands alertness, ability and sound judgment. His associates have found him of great value during business emergencies, and it has been his fortune to have impressed his business qualities generally upon those with whom he has come into contact. Mr. Mead is a member of the Dayton, Country and Buz Fuz clubs and of the Alpha Delta Phi, Yale university fraternity, and as a member of the Greater Dayton association has helped

public-spirited citizens to assist the city in its growth and development. Mr. Mead was married October 11, 1910, to Miss Gertrude Thomas, daughter of Alfred A. Thomas, of Dayton, and they are the parents of three children: Jane Head, Sarah C. and Gertrude Thomas.

Oscar D. Meals is a typical Dayton man, born in that city, an industrious and energetic workman throughout his career, and now prominent in business as superintendent and vice-president of the Standard Machine and Tool company. As far as his education is concerned, he is also a product of the public schools. Starting his career as an apprentice to the machinist's trade, by untiring energy and remarkable initiative he has worked himself to prominence and independence. Mr. Meals was born January 19, 1862, a son of David and Mary A. (Hare) Meals, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Germany, and both now deceased. His father was a blacksmith, a trade which he followed for a number of years at Dayton, and from him the youth evidently inherited his love of tools, for when Oscar D. Meals was but a lad he started to learn the machinist's trade in the shops of Herman & Heckebode. When his trade was mastered he went to the Globe Iron works, and subsequently, to Stillwin & Brin, as a machinist, with which concern he remained for more than a quarter of a century, receiving continuous promotions because of his fidelity and industry. He was next superintendent of the Platt Iron works, the successors to the last-named firm, and from that concern went to the New Era Autocycle company. Leaving Dayton temporarily, he went to Piqua as general foreman for the French Oil Mill Machinery company, and remained five years. After this, for two years, he was with the National Artificial Refrigerating company, and then returned to Dayton and became vice-president and superintendent of the Standard Machine and Tool company, with which concern he is identified at this time. In his rise from humble position to one of importance, Mr. Meals has exemplified the possession of all the qualities of self-made manhood, not the least of which have been industry, perserverance, integrity and a grasping of opporunities. In his support of worthy civic measures he has shown himself an eminently useful citizen. His religious connection is with the Second Lutheran church, and fraternally he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Meals was married December 25, 1884, to Miss Emma Elnora Wunderlich, daughter of John and Louise (Bothest) Wunderlich, of Dayton, and to this union there were born six children: Lillian, the wife of Herbert Knerr, of Dayton; Gertrude, at home; Rosalie, the wife of Homer Metzgar, of Dayton; Arthur, of this city; Ruth, at home; and Ellen, who died when five years of age.

Nelson W. Mearick. Among the prominent business concerns of Dayton which have been in existence for a quarter of a century and during that time have merited the confidence and support of the people, one which bears an honorable name and reputation and the product of which is widely and favorably known, is the Mearick Cloak company. In the success and prosperity of this business, one who has been an important factor is

Nelson W. Mearick, who now occupies the positions of secretary and general manager. While Mr. Mearick is not a native of Dayton, he is essentially a product of its institutions. He was born at Union City, Ind., January 12, 1880, a son of George W. Mearick, and was still a child when he was brought to Dayton, where he acquired his education in the public schools. Several years before he had completed his studies, his father had founded the business which gradually developed into the large concern of which Mr. Mearick is now secretary and general manager, and when he was ready to enter upon his business career he accepted a humble position in this enterprise and has gradually worked his way upward. The Mearick Cloak company was established in 1904, by George W. Mearick, as a private concern, the first establishment being located at No. 129 S. Main street. The almost instantaneous success of the business caused Mr. Mearick to of necessity secure larger and more convenient quarters, and he accordingly changed his location to No. 123 S. Main street, which was the home of his business for fifteen years, during which time numerous changes and additions were made to the building and equipment. In 1913, the business was moved to its present location at Second and Main streets, being incorporated in that same year for $40,000, with George W. Mearick president and treasurer; and Nelson W. Mearick, secretary and general manager. The business has continued to be a big success, and is one of the leaders in its special field at Dayton, handling women's and misses' furs, cloaks, suits, waists, skirts, dresses, millinery and silk underwear. Officially, Nelson W. Mearick is a director of the Bower Roller Bearing company of Detroit; president of the Moore-Eastwood company of Dayton, and a director and secretary of the Automatic Manufacturing company of Dayton. But the official designations and personal prominence of Mr. Mearick by no means indicate all that he has achieved, nor the importance of his activities and talents. Ever since his entrance into the business arena he has been exhaustless in his efforts and remarkably perceptive in his conclusions regarding opportunities and possibilities in his chosen field of industry. His knowledge has been gained by actual experience, and to this practical equipment of his mental faculties he has applied a strong mentality and analytical power of mind that has placed him well to the front of men known as trade experts. He belongs to the Exchange, Dayton and Miami Valley Golf clubs of Dayton, in which he is popular, takes a marked interest in the work of the Y. M. C. A., in which he holds membership, and also belongs to the Dayton Chamber of Commerce and the Dayton Business Men's club. He has given excellent evidence of his public spirit and civic pride in movements which have assisted the city in its growth and development. Mr. Mearick's religious connection is with Grace Methodist Episcopal church, and as a fraternalist he is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, a Knight Templar and a Shriner.

John Cobs Meredith, the proprietor of the long-established and reliable establishment known as Meredith's Arcade Music Store, has made a success of business life. His establishment, at No. 25

W. Fourth street, is a landmark for many of his older customers, just as he and his house stand for sound, honest business dealing and good service. Mr. Meredith was born at Troy, Miami county, Ohio, September 28, 1873, a son of W. J. Meredith. He attended the public schools of Troy, being duly graduated from the high school, following which he attended the Piqua Commercial college, and later he was a student in an institute at Detroit, Mich., in which city he spent one year as a stenographer. For five years thereafter he filled similar positions with other concerns, and in 1899 came to Dayton, where he entered the music house of Charles Roupf, whose successor he became in 1902. Since that time Mr. Meredith has built up one of the leading music establishments in the city, Meredith's Arcade Music store being a favorite gathering place for music lovers. He handles principally stringed instruments and small goods, sheet music, operollo and phone d'amour, the last-named being a splendid instrument manufactured by a large Cincinnati concern. In addition, Mr. Meredith has the third largest stock of classical music in the state. Mr. Meredith has built up the business entirely through his own efforts and has been greatly aided by the fact that he is himself a natural musician. He has had few interests aside from those of his business, but has given his aid to worthy movements of various natures, and during his long business career has made and held many friendships. Mrs. Meredith was formerly Miss Minnie F. Snypp, who was born at Dayton.

Karl S. Meuche, is one of the successful young business men of Dayton, and owes his present position and prosperity almost solely to his industry, ambition and the intelligence with which he has mastered the details of business management. His varied experience has included activities in several fields of effort and in widely separated localities, but his greatest success has been achieved as secretary of the Monarch Tag company of Dayton. Mr. Meuche was born at Dayton, May 9, 1886, a son of Theodore and Bertha (Seebohm) Meuche. After attending the graded schools and the Steele high school, he pursued a course at the Ohio State university, being graduated from that institution with the class of 1910, as a ceramic engineer. After his graduation he went to the copper district of Michigan, where he spent some two years as a mining engineer, and then, with his brother, Alfred, embarked in the diamond drill contracting business at Houghton, that state. After three years of experience in that line, he returned to Dayton, and in March, 1915, became identified with the Monarch Tag company, of which he was made secretary in January, 1918. He is a business man of sound ability, marked foresight and excellent judgment, and has the full confidence of his associates. Mr. Meuche is a member of Columbia Lodge, K. P., at Houghton, Mich.; the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, which he joined at the state university, and the local Y. M. C. A. December 22, 1913, he was united in marriage with Florence, daughter of Clarence Emmons, of Ontonagon, Mich., and they have two children: Theodore E. and Karl Hampton.

Curt R. Miller. Business reliability and self-made opportunities have characterized the entire career of Curt R. Miller, vice-president of the North Side Tool company, of Dayton. Largely self-educated, since the time he entered the business arena his advancement has been marked by aggressive and persistent struggles to better his position, in which contests he has invariably emerged the victor, and these victories have always been won by methods of strictly legitimate character. He is therefore accounted one of the substantial business men of his community who has made his own way and who has won his position fairly. Mr. Miller was born at South Bend, Ind., October 31, 1888, a son of Frank Miller, and in his youth was given the advantages of attendance at the public schools of his native city. This education did not satisfy the ambitious lad, who furthered and added to his knowledge by attending night schools and by taking a course of study from the International Correspondence schools. His first employment was with the great Studebaker plant at South Bend, where he remained for four years, and where he carefully applied himself to and mastered the trade of machinist. Subsequently he held a position with the Singer company of that city for two years, and for a time worked at various points in the middle west, and during all this time continued to add to his knowledge and experience and to further prepare himself for the acceptance of any opportunity that might present itself. In the spring of 1909 Mr. Miller came to Dayton, where ne became identified with the City Machine company. One year later he severed his connection with that concern and entered the service of the National Cash Register company, with which he was identified one and one-half years, or until resigning to join the North Dayton Machinery and Tool company. He remained with that concern until March, 1916, when, with William A. Thompson and George Serapin, he founded the North Side Tool company, as a partnership. The plant was located on Air street, and the business was continued as a partnership until October 31, 1917, when it was incorporated for $20,000, with George Serapin, president; Curt Miller, vice-president; and William A. Thompson, secretary and treasurer. At that time the new factory at No. 17 N. Maryland avenue, was built, and where there is available floor space amounting to 50,000 square feet. Thirty-five people are employed in the manufacture of jiggs, dies, fixtures, tools and amplifying gauges and tool jobbing is a feature of the business. During the war period the business was conducted on a 100% war contract basis. Coming to Dayton full of enthusiasm and ambition Mr. Miller took advantage of the opportunities offered and developed them sanely, always maintaining a golden mean in his operations. Possessing as he does the essential qualities that go so far toward the make-up of a successful business man, he has achieved prosperity, and at the same time has not been forgetful of his community's needs, for his name has been connected with a number of progressive movements. He belongs, with his family, to the Memorial Presbyterian church. Mr. Miller was married June 25, 1910, to Miss Anna Esken, daughter of George Esken,

of South Bend, Ind., and they are the parents of two children: Irene and Curt Robert, jr.

Fred George Miller, who is secretary and treasurer of the American Machine Products company of Dayton, has been identified, more or less, all of his business life with concerns in which talents as an accountant have been recognized. He was born at Louisville, Ky., July 16, 1879, and in his native city attended the public schools until he completed the high school course. Fond of mathematics and proficient in the same, he accepted a position with the Kansas Mutual Life Insurance company at Louisville, where he was bookkeeper and cashier for some years, then went into the accounting business for himself at Louisville, later adding to his business as public accountant, certain lines of insurance, and continued a resident of Louisville until 1915. In that year he came to Dayton as chief timekeeper and factory cost accountant for the Recording and Computing Machines company. Finding Dayton agreeable both in a business and residence way, Mr. Miller decided to make this city his home and on May 17, 1919, bought an interest in the Onli-Wa Fixture company, of this city, and shortly afterward assisted in the organization of the American Machine Products company, of which he is secretary and treasurer. Although one of the younger manufacturing concerns here, it has made remarkable progress and its future looks very bright as it is well financed and ably managed. April 24, 1901, Mr. Miller married Lulie C., daughter of John Heins, of Louisville, Ky., and they have three children: Lucile C., Marian C. and Frederick H. Mr. Miller is a Scottish Rite Mason and for five years was treasurer of Shibboleth Lodge, of Louisville, Ky., and is also a Shriner.

George W. Miller, M. D. During a period covering more than a quarter of a century, the health and sanitation of a considerable community in Dayton have been safeguarded by the zeal and skill of Dr. George W. Miller, who has been engaged in practice here since 1893. He belongs to the Homeopathic school, and in addition to possessing the full confidence of a large practice is greatly respected in his profession as well as among the citizens of his community with whom he comes into daily contact as a participant in worth-while civic movements. Doctor Miller was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, March 18, 1870, a son of Charles H. Miller, who was engaged in the manufacturing business. The youth received his early education in the public schools of his native city, and after his graduation from the Woodward high school of Cincinnati, took up his professional studies at the Pulte Medical college there, being graduated in 1891 with the degree of M. D. Subsequently he engaged in special work at the Cincinnati hospital, and then began practice at Cincinnati, but after two years, in 1893, came to Dayton, which has since been his center of operation and the scene of his well-merited success. He is engaged in a general practice, as large as it is prominent, and maintains offices in the Reibold building. Professionally he is esteemed by his fellow-practitioners of whatever school, and the passing years have found him ever ready to add to his store of knowledge and in touch with the best thus far known of the

science of healing. Doctor Miller is a member of the Miami valley Medical society, the Dayton Homeopathic society, the Ohio State Homeopathic society and the American Insitution of Homeopathy. His professional ability has been recognized by his appointment as chief of the Homeopathic staff of the Miami Valley Hospital of Dayton. Doctor Miller belongs to Mystic Lodge of the Masonic order, and to the Dayton City, Dayton Country and Bicycle clubs. Always ready to lend his aid to public-spirited movements for the advancement of the general welfare, he has long been a working member of the Greater Dayton association, and at the present time is a member of the advisory board of that body. With his family he belongs to the First Presbyterian church, and is a member of the board of trustees thereof. It has been his fortune to have attracted unto himself a large and important professional following, through the display of undoubted talents, and to have also contributed to the welfare of his community through his services to his fellowmen in positions of trust and responsibility in which he has unselfishly laid aside personal interests for the time being in order to give to his work for others his concentrated and undivided attention. At Boston, November 10, 1897, Doctor Miller was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Downing Tuttle, daughter of the late Lucius Tuttle, of Boston, Mass., who for some years was president of the Boston & Maine railway. To this union there have been born two daughters: the Misses Ruth and Mary Miller, young ladies of education and marked talents, who reside with their parents.

Merle W. Miller. Upon the shoulders of the young and active men of the twentieth century rests the robe of responsibility for much of the country monetary and commercial business progress. Merle W. Miller, cashier of the Citizens' State and Savings bank of Brookville, is of the type of young, aggressive and enthusiastic manhood whose activities are depended upon in maintaining the country's prestige and high standards. Mr. Miller was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, September 16, 1889, the second born in a family of one son and three daughters, his parents being Charles and Alice (Emrick) Miller. The children are: Edna, the wife of Roy Harshbarger of West Milton, Ohio; Merle W.; Mabel, a graduate of the West Milton high school; and Carrie, also a graduate of that school. Charles Miller was born in Miami county, Ohio, where he received a public school education, but in young manhood removed to Montgomery county, where he followed agricultural pursuits for many years. He was an industrious and energetic man and through good management was enabled to acquire a competence, so that he is spending his declining years in comfortable retirement at his home at Potsdam, Ohio. He has always been a staunch advocate of prohibition. He and Mrs. Miller are members of the M. B. C. church, and have always performed their part in contributing to movements worthy of their consideration. Mrs. Miller is also a native of Miami county, a true Christian woman who lives her faith, and a loving mother whose children are her pride. Merle W. Miller received good educational advantages as a youth, first attending the public schools, then

spending three years as a student of the Potsdam high school, and subsequently taking a common law course at the American Commercial School of Law, at Chicago. He began his business career as a salesman for a hardware establishment, in addition to which he had other work as a side line, and continued thus for one year, or until taking the position of assistant cashier of the Citizens' Banking company, of Phillipsburg, Ohio. He remained there for eight years, but in October, 1917, transferred his services to the Citizens' State and Savings bank, at Brookville, in the same capacity. March 1, 1919, he was promoted to the position of cashier, of which post he has continued to be the incumbent. Mr. Miller's career has been one of marked industry, and his record as established is worthy of emulation by other youths who are endeavoring to secure a foothold upon the ladder of success. Mr. Miller was married to Daisy O. Mosby, September 4, 1909, and they have had three children, of whom two are living: Floyd, attending the local schools in the fourth grade; and Dale, who has just started to school and is in first grade. Mrs. Miller is a native of Montgomery county, Ohio, born May 21, 1892, and received a good education which she completed in the Phillipsburg high school. She belongs to a well known and highly respected family of Phillipsburg, where her parents, Sidney and Rosetta (Pansing) Mosby, still make their home. Mr. Miller is a Republican in politics and cast his first vote for William H. Taft. He has received the appointment as deputy county recorder for Montgomery county, but has not accepted at this time. Their pretty home is situated on Market street and its friendly portals are ever open to their many acquaintances, admirers and well-wishers.

Otto A. Miller, vice-president of the Miller Engineering Company of Dayton, has passed his entire business career in this city and is essentially one of its products, as its institutions furnished him with his education and its business concerns gave him his training for participation in its busy life. This alert and progressive manufacturer was born at New Bremen, Ohio, 1876, a son of Christ and Mary (Sechman) Miller, natives of Ohio, the former having been engaged in the milling business at New Bremen, where his death occurred. Otto A. Miller was a lad of five years when brought to Dayton, and here he attended the public schools. the early death of his father made it necessary that he assume the responsibilities of self-support and when still a youth he apprenticed himself to the trade of tool-maker, which he thoroughly mastered. After a number of years spent at his trade, both at Dayton and at Detroit, in which latter city he was connected with the Studebaker firm, he rose to the superintendency of the plant of the City Machine and Tool company, a concern with which he was identified until December 1, 1917. At that time he became one of the organizers of the Miller Engineering company, an enterprise capitalized at $25,000, which has the following officers: Ben Ziehler, president; Otto A. Miller, vice-president and treasurer; T. Cashatt, general manager; and J. Kimel, secretary. The product consists of jiggs, tools, dies, fixtures and special machinery, and sixty people are employed in the plant on the fourth floor of the

Baker Building. During the period of the United States' participation in the great war, this concern was engaged in 100 per cent war production. Mr. Miller enjoys an excellent reputation in business circles as a man of sound ability and sterling integrity and has a number of important connections. He is also affiliated with several civic and social bodies and takes an active part in the movements making for general progressiveness and development. He and his family belong to the German Lutheran church. May 26, 1901, Mr. Miller was united in marriage with Miss Anna Couden, daughter of Oscar Couden of Morrow, Ohio, and they have one son: Floyd at home.

V. Z. Miller, M. D. In a profession, advancement in which depends upon individual merit and skill, Dr. V. Z. Miller, of Brookville, has won a very enviable position and in his practice shows a thorough and comprehensive understanding of the principles of medical science and adaptability for the alleviation of the ills of suffering humanity. His work has received the endorsement of public opinion, and he is therefore accorded a liberal patronage. Doctor Miller is a native of Montgomery county, Ohio, born May 27, 1861, the eldest of a family of eight sons and one daughter born to Benjamin and Mary Ann (Ziegler) Miller. Seven of these children are living: William H., an attorney-at-law of Dayton; Harvey W., a graduate of Ada Normal school and a pharmacist of Columbus; Clinton B., a graduate of Ada college and proprietor of a pharmacy at San Francisco; Ira V., of Brookville, Ohio; Orien W., of Dayton; and Clarence E., now located in Honolulu in the interest of the National Cash Register company of Dayton. Benjamin Miller was born September 17, 1838, in Montgomery county, Ohio, and still survives in hale old age, with energetic body and clear faculties. He was educated in the common schools, and as a young man devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits, but eventually turned his attention to commercial affairs, and for the last quarter of a century of his active life was a successful merchant at Brookville. He is a staunch Democrat and a great admirer of President Wilson, and he and Mrs. Miller are devout members of the Brethren church. Mrs. Miller is also a native of Montgomery county, born March 4, 1840, and, like her husband, is well preserved and in full possession of her faculties. Her father was a minister of the Gospel. The early members of the Ziegler family came from Switzerland about 1733, and settled in Pennsylvania near what is now the city of Lancaster. The original farm of the pioneer emigrants is still in the family name, being owned by one of the descendants of these sturdy Swiss people who braved the dangers of life in a newly opened and unknown land. On the maternal side Doctor Miller comes of a long line of professional men, his great-uncles of the Ziegler family having been litterateurs and writers of merit, while one, Philip Ziegler, was widely known as a composer of hymns and religious music. Dr. V. Z. Miller was given his early education in the public schools, and after spending two years in the Randolph township high school, the first high school in Montgomery county, enrolled as a student of the normal school at West Milton, Ohio. After his graduation from the Miami Normal school, he spent the

years 1884 and 1886 in study at Antioch college, Yellow Springs, Greene county, and in 1887 pursued a business course at Delaware, Ohio, where he passed the examinations in commercial law, bookkeeping, shorthand and plain and ornamental penmanship. While a student in this institution he won the faculty's prize for being the most legible and rapid writer in a class of one hundred students. From 1883 to 1902, Dr. Miller was a successful teacher in the public schools of Montgomery county. In the fall of 1893, he entered Starling Medical college, Columbus, Ohio, from which he was graduated with a class of eighty members in 1896. He began the practice of his profession at Brookville, Ohio, on May 12 of that year, and later, in 1903 and 1904, he took a post-graduate course at the Baltimore Medical college, as well as a course at Johns Hopkins university, one of the most famous institutions in the world. Dr. Miller served an internship of six months in the Maryland General and Lying-In hospital of Baltimore, Maryland. Following this service he was elected resident physician for a period of three months—from April 1 to June 1, 1904. After this period expired Dr. Miller was offered an assistantship to the chair of gynecology, which was declined. During the period that he served as resident physician; he was also chief physician of the gynecological department of the free dispensary to the Maryland hospital for a period of six months. While in this capacity he compiled the clinical history of one thousand patients. In September, 1904, with this thorough preparation, he resumed the practice of his chosen calling at Dayton, where he remained eleven years. In 1916, he returned to Brookville, where he has since risen to an advanced position in his profession. His practice extends not only throughout Brookville, but the surrounding country for a radius of ten miles, and he likewise had a considerable practice in Dayton, where many of the patients whom he attended there still retain him as their family physician. The Doctor has his own private dispensary and office in his beautiful modern home on Market street, where he also has a splendid library, both medical and general. Doctor Miller is a member of the Montgomery County Medical society, and is fraternally affiliated with Libanus Masonic Lodge of Lewisburg and the Junior Order United American Mechanics, Lodge No. 235, at Brookville. Doctor Miller is fond of travel as a means of improving his mind and adding to his education, and has visited most of the states of the Union, in addition to journeying into old Mexico and bathing in the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean. Like himself, his three brothers who live in Montgomery county are prominent and well-known men. Ira V. has large agricultural interests in the county and is a resident of Brookville. Orien W. is a resident of Dayton and commercial traveler for a piano concern; Clarence Eugene, representative at Honolulu, H. I., of the National Cash Register company of Dayton. Doctor Miller is married and the father of three children: Heber C., who was educated in the public schools and is now a clerk in the offices of the National Cash Register company, at Dayton, and married; Herbert S., a graduate of Brookville High school, and a successful agriculturist of the rich farming country of Trotters, N. D., whose wife is de-

ceased; and Hallam B., also a graduate of the Brookville High school, who is now identified with the great field of aeronautics at Dayton. Doctor Miller is a gentleman whom it is a pleasure to meet, and it is eminently gratifying to be able to present a review of his career in the Memoirs of the Miami Valley.

John W. Millette, M. D. It is scarcely possible in these modern days for a man to be a successful physician without being also a man of learning and of solid, scientific acquirements. Often the youth who feels the inspiration that ultimately leads him into the medical profession, finds his progress one of difficulty from lack of encouragement, opportunity or capital, and when all these drawbacks are overcome through personal effort battles have been won that firmly build the foundations of character. One of the most thorough of Dayton's physicians is John W. Millette, M. D., who has been engaged in practice here since 1905 and who is now specializing in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. His training was long and comprehensive and he has steadily risen to a position of prominence in his specialty, on several subjects of which he is accounted an authority. Doctor Millette was born at St. Paris, Ohio, June 16, 1869, a son of Joseph W. Millette. He attended the graded and high schools of his native place, following which he went to the Ohio Northern university, at Ada, Ohio, where he began his collegiate training. He was graduated therefrom in 1889, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and next went to the Ohio Wesleyan university, at Delaware, Ohio, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Sciences in 1897. Following this, he did post-graduate work in Anglo-Saxon and Old English at Wittenberg college, Springfield, Ohio, and received the degree of Master of Arts in 1898, the Ohio Wesleyan university conferred upon him the degree of Master of Science in 1903. In the latter year he was graduated from the Ohio Medical university, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and this was followed by more than a year of post-graduate work, in London and Vienna. He began practice at Dayton January 1, 1905, and has since continued alone, his offices at this time being located at 983 Reibold building, where he specializes in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. Doctor Millette is a member of the Montgomery County Medical association, the Ohio State Medical society, the American Medical association, the Chicago Ophthalmological society, the American Academy of Ophtholmology and Oto-Laryngology, and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He is also aurist and oculist for St. Elizabeth's hospital of Dayton and for the Dayton Soldiers' Home. A man of large heart and broad sympathies, he makes the ideal sympathetic physician and has succeeded in drawing about him a wide circle of friends, both in and outside of his profession. As a citizen he has been active and enterprising in the assistance of worthy movements and has been identified with a number of civic bodies working for the general welfare, including the Greater Dayton Association. Fraternally, he is a thirty-second degree Mason of the Scottish Rite, and also is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. Doctor Millette was married December 25, 1889, to Miss Cora Hartman, whose death occurred in 1898. June 16, 1903, Doctor Millette was

married to Miss Minnie Florence Roop, of Shelby county, Ohio, and they are the parents of one daughter: Nancy Margaret, who lives with her parents.

Clyde C. Miner. While he is a recent arrival at Dayton, Clyde C. Miner is not unknown to the business men of this part of Ohio, as for twenty years he was prominently connected at Springfield with a house whose operations covered a wide territory. Mr. Miner is now secretary and treasurer of the Dayton Fan and Motor company and president of the Lucas-Miner Pump company, and is accounted one of Dayton's substantial and thoroughly capable men of affairs. He was born at Kirkersville, Licking county, Ohio, March 5, 1875, a son of Frederick Miner. He received his education in the public schools of Dayton and Greenville, Ohio, and after taking a business course in Berk's Commercial college, became bookkeeper for the Robins & Meyers company, of Springfield. Mr. Miner continued with this firm for a period of twenty years, during which time he won steady and consistent advancement. After reaching the post of auditor, the duties of which he performed for some years, he was made general credit manager, and this was the position which he held until the time of his resignation, February 15, 1919, when he located at Dayton with the Dayton Fan and Motor company, as secretary and treasurer. In the meantime, in 1916, Mr. Miner had purchased an interest in the Lucas Pump company, which became then the Lucas-Miner Pump company, and of which he became president. This business had been originally established in 1897, at Greenville, Ohio, by Charles O. Lucas, who removed the plant to Dayton about 1903 and located it on North Foundry street. In that same year the business was incorporated by Ralph DeWeese and Charles O. Lucas, with a capital stock of $15,000, Mr. Lucas becoming president and Mr. DeWeese secretary and treasurer. In 1905, the company was reincorporated by Ed Heatman, Charles O. Lucas and D. H. Lucas, with a capital of $25,000, C. O. Lucas being president, D. H. Lucas, secretary, and Ed Heatman, treasurer. Removal of the plant in 1910 was made to the present location, 427 Valley street, and in October, 1916, the company, with the arrival of Mr. Miner, became the Lucas-Miner Pump company, and the following officials were chosen: Clyde C. Miner, president; D. H. Lucas, vice-president; and Gustav Roberts, secretary and treasurer, the capital stock at that time being increased to $30,000. January 1, 1919, at the election, Mr. Miner was retained as president; A. Meyers became vice-president; John G. Frey, secretary; and Otto E. Black, treasurer. This company manufactures pumps for general service and fire protection, compressors, tools, dies and jigs, and during the war period the plant was working 95 per cent on tools, dies and jigs for government purposes. The plant covers 10,000 square feet, and employment is given to twenty-five skilled workmen, and traveling salesmen cover a wide territory in introducing the company's product. Mr. Miner is well known in business circles, and particularly among credit men, this being a branch of business work in which he has had wide experience, and for which he is well fitted. He is a member of the National Credit Men's association and a director of the Electric Credit Men's association,

and also belongs to the commission on Standardized Accounting of Electrical Industries. Fraternally, he is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner. His religious connection is with the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Miner married Bertha Smith, daughter of Hamlin Smith, of Washington Court House, Ohio, and they are the parents of four children: Marie V., Fred F., Sarah Elizabeth and Richard Smith.

Jesse C. Minnich. One of the leading business enterprises of the thriving little community of Trotwood, Ohio, is represented by the grain elevator of Jesse C. Minnich. This business has been in the Minnich name since 1900, with the exception of eight months in 1909, having been founded here by Mr. Minnich's father. It has been the medium through which both the elder and younger men have shown their business ability and high principles and by which they have succeeded in gaining and holding public confidence and esteem. Jesse C. Minnich was born October 15, 1882, near Potsdam, Ohio, a son of Granville W. and Amanda (Hirshe) Minnich. Granville W. Minnich was a farmer in early life, and after a successful career in agriculture removed to Trotwood, Montgomery county, in 1900, and built the grain elevator at this place. This he conducted prosperously until 1909 when he retired from active business and disposed of his interests to Granville Baker, who, in turn, was succeeded by Jesse C. Minnich eight months later. Granville W. Minnich is now living in comfortable retirement at his home at West Milton, Ohio. Jesse C. Minnich received a public school education at Georgetown, Ohio, and was reared as a farmer's son. Until he reached the age of twenty-one years he carried on farming, but with the acquirement of his majority sought and secured a position as mail carrier, a position which he held for two years. For a like period he again engaged in farming, and October 4, 1909, came to Trotwood and bought the elevator formerly owned by his father. He has made a success of this enterprise, and now deals in grain, hay, feed, seeds and coal, and has built up a large and representative patronage. His dealings have been carried on in a way that has made him well known for his integrity and promptness in engagements, and he is a valued member of the Ohio Grain Dealers' association, the National Grain Dealers' association and the Michigan, Ohio and Indiana Coal Dealers' association. He takes an active interest in community affairs and has been a constructive member of the city council of Trotwood, a position to which he was elected on the Republican ticket. Fraternally he is a Scottish-Rite Mason at Dayton, belongs to the Blue Lodge at Brookville, and is a Shriner at Dayton. He supports worthy movements, having taken an especially active interest in the work of the local Red Cross society. March 31, 1906, Mr. Minnich was united in marriage with Catherine, daughter of William Stoner, of Union, Montgomery county. She died December 17, 1916, leaving two children: Emerson and Marguerite, who reside at home.

John F. Missildine, who for many years was engaged in merchandising at Waynesville, Ohio, was born in Greene county, this state, September 21, 1839, a son of Robert and Elizabeth (Kenton) Missildine, the former a native of London, England, and the latter

of Maryland. Mr. Missildine's grandfather, George Missildine, was a native of England, where he passed his entire life, and Robert Missildine was reared and educated in that country, being a man of more than ordinary scholarship. He resided until he was about forty-eight years of age in London, and then came to the United States, settling, in 1832, at Charleston, S. C. Shortly thereafter he migrated to Ohio, locating in Greene county, where he spent the balance of his life. As noted above, he was a man of good educational training, and after settling in Ohio adopted the profession of teaching, a vocation which he followed the greater part of his life, in addition to which he was an active Christian worker and a preacher in the Baptist church. Mr. Missildine was twice married, his first wife bearing the maiden name of Mary Griffin. They were united in 1806 and became the parents of seven children. Mr. Missildine's second wife was Elizabeth Kenton, and they had two children: John F. and Benjamin. The father died August 5, 1860, and was followed to the grave by his wife in March, 1863, she then being sixty-five years old. John F. Missildine was about eleven years of age when his father died, and his mother with her family then removed to Waynesville, where the youth was reared to manhood, in the meantime securing a good education. He labored on the farm during the summer months and taught school during the winter terms for several years, and became well and favorably known for his integrity and industry. In June, 1865, he married Jemima, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Burnett, and she died in September, 1868. In February, 1870, Mr. Missildine married Drucilla MacLaery, and they became the parents of seven children: Oliver Oscar, a resident of Warren county; Ella J., who is deceased; Howard, also deceased; Marietta, who is the wife of Dr. H. Q. Alexander, a physician of Dayton; Cecelia, the wife of J. L. Sellers, a contractor of that city; John Henry, a merchant of Wichita, Kan., and Estella, the wife of Thomas R. Smith, agent for the Pennsylvania railroad system at Brookville. Following his marriage Mr. Missildine continued to be engaged in farming for several years, and then turned his attention to commercial pursuits, opening a store at Waynesville. He was energetic, industrious and ambitious, and with modern ideas presented his customers with attractive propositions, so that his business grew to large proportions and flourished greatly. In business circles he became known as a man of the highest principles and strictest integrity, and those who had business dealings with him came to hold him in the closest confidence. As a citizen he performed his duties and responsibilities with the greatest promptitude and efficiency, while among his friends and in his home circle his many sterling qualities of mind and heart were known and appreciated.

Montgomery County Building and Loan Association. The building and loan association is a recognized institution of importance and necessity in every enterprising and progressive community, and some of the oldest and most reliable concerns of Dayton are engaged in this line of endeavor. As the city has grown, stretching out its arms to embrace outlying communities in Greater Dayton,

so have men responded to the needs of the business of handling the remarkable demand thus generated. One of the concerns which has for years held a dignified and prominent position in this line of enterprise is the Montgomery County Building and Loan association. This concern was organized in August, 1908, with George Buck, president; W. B. Gebhart, treasurer, and Lee Markey, secretary and attorney, the other organizers being Ralph Gebhart, Ira Cooper, R. R. Chadwick and H. R. Klepinger. The first incorporation was for $500,000.00, but the great success of the business warranted the concern to increase this authorized capital to $2,000,000.00. The present officials are: H. R. Klepinger, president; Charles J. Olt, vice-president; Lee Markey, secretary and attorney, and Clarence Kiefer, treasurer, while the present board of directors includes: Charles Sucher, John F. Boes, George Richter, H. R. Klepinger, Charles J. Olt, Fred C. Olt and Lee Markey. The association maintains offices on the second floor of the Conover building, Main and Third streets. At the close of business, December 31, 1917, the association issued the following report as to its condition: Assets, cash, $19,885.93; loans on mortgage security, $439,662.09; loans on stock security, $17,520; furniture and fixtures. $364; insurance and taxes, $3.60, and liberty bonds, $5,800.00; total $483,235.62. Liabilities, running stock and dividends, $178,704.90; paid up stock and dividends, $131,986.82; contingent fund, $5,016.46; deposits and accrued interest, $162,527.44; bills payable, $5,000.00. Deposits are received by this association on running stock or book accounts, on paid up stock and on deposits. It is economically and conservatively managed, its loans having been placed with such care that for over nine years it has not been compelled to foreclose a mortgage. The men connected with it are some of Dayton's foremost business men, reliable and substantial, possessed of public confidence, who are connected with some of the city's leading enterprises and institutions.

Charles J. Moore was born at Rising Sun, Ind., August 30, 1855, a son of Rev. William H. Moore. He received a public school education, and at the age of eighteen years left the parental roof, determined to carve out a career of his own. He chose Dayton as the scene of his future success, and that the youth was possessed of inherent talents and natural initiative may be gathered from the fact that two years later, when he was but twenty years of age, he was paymaster and had charge of the Dayton and Southern Railway, now a part of the Baltimore & Ohio system. December 14, 1880, Mr. Moore joined the Second National Bank, now the Third National, as assistant bookkeeper, and from that time forward his career was one of steady and consistent advancement, until he finally was chosen as the executive head of this strong financial institution. His history is the same as that of the institution with which he is identified, at least from the time that he first joined its forces, as will be seen in the following: The old Johnathan Harshman bank, located at No. 48 Jefferson street, Dayton, was merged into the Second National bank, which was organized June 22, 1863, at which time the president was Johnathan Harshman, the cashier David C. Rench, the bookkeeper Ephraim Kiefer, and

the board of directors Johnathan Harshman, William P. Huffman, James Perrine, N. B. Darst, T. S. Babbitt, Robert Chambers, Lewis R. Pfoutz, George W. Kneisly and David C. Rench. The banking room, at the address above noted, was rented with all furnishings for one year at $500 per year, and the bank opened for business June 29, 1863. July 14 of that year there was no meeting of the board of directors as, owing to the scare in consequence of the John Morgan raid, the funds of the bank had been taken to Toledo, Ohio, for safety. The Second National was made a United States depository October 6, 1863. E. E. Barney was added to the board January 12, 1864, and Daniel Kiefer February 9 of that year, while George Harshman was appointed teller during that month. The business of the bank had grown to the point where it was found advisable to increase the capital to $300,000, and this was done February 18, 1865. Charles Rench was appointed teller February 6, 1866; A. S. Estabrook became assistant cashier April 2, 1867; D. C. Rench resigned as cashier November 10, 1868, and December 1, 1868, Charles E. Drury was appointed cashier and B. E. Weldy bookkeeper. The bank was rapidly increasing in power and resources, and to fill the presidential vacancy W. P. Huffman was elected chief executive January 12, 1869. May 1 of that year the institution moved to its new room, at the corner of Third and Jefferson streets, in the Beckel House building, this having formerly been occupied by the post-office. Additions were subsequently made to the board of directors as follows: January 9, 1872, Preserved Smith: January 14, 1873, John K. McIntire; January 9, 1877, Rufus J. King; January 8, 1878, George W. Shaw; January 11, 1881, E. J. Barney. Charles J. Moore was appointed assistant bookkeeper December 14, 1880. The charter of the Second National bank, twenty years old, expired May 25, 1882, and owing to the provisions of the National Banking law in force at that time, but since repealed, the bank on securing an extension of its charter could not retain the same name, so April 27, 1882, the Third National bank was organized as the successor of the Second National, and opened for business May 10, 1882, with W. P. Huffman, president; Daniel Kiefer, vice-president, and Charles E. Drury, cashier, and the following board of directors: W. P. Huffman, Daniel Kiefer, T. S. Babbitt, E. J. Barney, George W. Kneisly, J. K. McIntire, R. J. King, George W. Shaw and Charles E. Drury. Charles W. Slagle was appointed assistant bookkeeper April 8, 1884. G. W. Kneisly resigned as a director June 17, 1884, and J. W. Stoddard was elected a director January 13, 1885, and T. A. Legler January 11, 1887. President Huffman resigned October 25, 1887, because of age and failing health, and November 15, 1887, E. J. Barney and J. W. Stoddard resigned to become directors in the new Fourth National bank. January 10, 1888, John K. McIntire was elected president and W. W. Smith and George P. Huffman became directors at the same time, while A. Newsalt was elected a director January 8, 1889. Because of failing health Charles E. Drury resigned as cashier September 2, 1890, Charles Rench being appointed as his successor and Charles J. Moore being made assistant cashier. October 20, 1891, W. C. Gerber, now assistant cashier, entered the service of the bank as messenger. B. E. Weldy resigned January

26, 1892, and April 5 of that year W. R. Craven was appointed receiving teller and J. F. Mueller messenger. S. H. Carr joined the directorate June 25, 1895, and F. E. Smith, January 12, 1897. The bank moved into its new home, the structure erected by Colonel McIntire, at 21 E. Third street, August 1, 1898, and April 26, 1902, the charter having expired, a new one was granted for twenty years. May 26, 1903, W. R. Craven resigned to become cashier of the Dayton Savings and Trust company. New directors were appointed January 24, 1905, January 14, 1908, and December 15, 1908, the ones receiving these honors being, respectively, John S. McIntire, George G. Shaw and Charles Rench. President John K. McIntire died June 24, 1908, and Rufus J. King was elected as his successor January 12, 1909. Three new directors were elected January 12, 1912, these being M. J. Gibbons, Charles B. Clegg and H. G. Carnell, and E. H. Bunstine was appointed a director June 29. January 30, 1912, President Rufus J. King died and Charles Rench was elected as his successor July 2, 1912, at which time Charles J. Moore was elected cashier and J. F. Mueller was appointed assistant cashier. The great flood occurred March 25, 1913, at which time the banking room was under eleven feet of water and, naturally, business was suspended. March 30, the first day that the bank could be opened and entered, the city was under martial law, and the Governor of Ohio declared a holiday of ten days, although the clearing house decided to open the banks for business April 7. March 5, 1916, President Charles Rench met an accidental death, being suffocated by gas in his garage, after having served the bank for forty-seven years. May 31, 1916, E. H. Bunstine resigned because of failing health, and October 28 of that year Henry Loy and Charles J. Moore were appointed directors. January 23, 1917, Charles J. Moore, after thirty-seven years of service, was elected to the presidency, and on that date Joseph F. Mueller became cashier and W. C. Gerber assistant cashier. February 26, 1918, Capt. Henry Loy resigned to join the American Expeditionary Force for France. The resources at the time of the organization of the Third National bank were $782,562.26; at the close of business June 25, 1918, they were $3,086,027.37. Mr. Moore has attained the position which he holds through no happy accident, but by years of assiduous attention to the details of the business, by a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of its principles, and after the most searching test of his firmness and integrity. While men of excellent routine, accurate and ready, are common at the desk and the counter, the really comprehensive minds, with the power to organize and the skill to direct the operations of a great bank, are few and rare. Mr. Moore is a banker and a most successful one; but he is more. He is possessed of wide intelligence, gained by observation of business and events. He is quick of perception, intuitive in judgment, rapid in conclusions and generally correct in his estimate of character. Beyond the routine of the bank and the immediate influence of passing events he has a comprehensive view of affairs. He is interested in public questions and has that wisely directed public spirit which makes him a leader of opinion and a moulder of men. He is a member of the council of the Greater Dayton association, and fraternizes with

the Masons and the Royal Arcanum, in the former of which he is past master of Mystic Lodge and in the latter past regent. His religious connection is with the First Presbyterian church, in which he is an elder. Mr. Moore was married October 28, 1885, to Miss Ella F. Hutchins, of Indianapolis, Ind., and they are the parents of two children: Mary G., who is the wife of Luzerne Custer, of Dayton, and Eleanor H., the wife of Henry E. Randall, of Montreal, Canada.

Eugene F. Moore, whose business experience during an active career has covered a variety of pursuits is now secretary and treasurer of the Moore-Eastwood Manufacturing company, of Dayton, and one of the substantial and progressive citizens of his community. He was born at Miami City, Montgomery county, Ohio, January 26, 1889, a son of James C. and Alice Catherine (Foster) Moore, the former born in Adams county, Ohio, and the latter at Troy, this state. His father was for many years a well-known business man of Troy, where he spent the greater part of his life and where he has been engaged in the clothing establishment. Eugene F. Moore was reared at Troy, where he was taken by his parents as a child, and in the public graded and high schools of that city secured his educational training. Later he prepared himself for a business career by a course in the Miami Commercial college, and his first employment was with the Troy Umbrella and Canopy company, in the capacity of billing and shipping clerk. In 1908 he came to Dayton and accepted a position with the Rike-Kumler company, with which he remained for two years, subsequently going to the W. J. Fichel company, of Indianapolis, Ind., for one year. Upon his return to Dayton he became identified with the National Cash Register company and for two years was in the employment department of that great enterprise, following which for three years he was in the executive department of the same concern. While Mr. Moore was thus employed he started working out the plans for the present business and eventually got it started, but it was not until it was well under way that he began giving the new business his entire attention. Since then he has centered his activities in the furtherance of the interests of this concern, in the success of which he has been one of the principal factors. The Moore-Eastwood Manufacturing company was founded in 1916 and incorporated April 12 of that year, with a capital stock of $20,000, for the manufacture of special machinery and special tools and the working out of engineering problems, etc. The officers at that time were: Eugene F. Moore, president and treasurer, and H. C. Moore, vice-president and secretary. The original plant was situated at 114 E. Fourth street, and but two or three people were employed, as the business was started in a modest and unassuming manner. May 7, 1917, there was another election of officers, with the following results: Nelson W. Merrick, president; H. C. Moore, vice-president, and Eugene F. Moore, secretary and treasurer. The capital stock remains the same, but the principal business of the company at this time is the manufacture of automobile accessories. The plant has been enlarged, although remaining at the same location, and special machinery of all kinds has been installed from time to time. The

original working force in the plant has been increased to forty-five people, and 9,000 square feet are now necessary to accommodate the workers and their machines, showing that this concern has grown and advanced with the true western spirit of progress. During the period of the war this company was employed 100 per cent on production for the government. Mr. Moore is treasurer and general manager in the Automotive Motor company of Dayton. His standing in the confidence of his fellow business men is shown by the fact that he is treasurer and a member of the board of trustees of the Tool Manufacturers' association. He is likewise a member of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, St. John's Lodge No. 13, F. & A. M., of Echo Lodge No. 707, Knights of Pythias, and of the Hartford United Brethren church. He takes a good citizen's interest in public affairs and has performed creditable and faithful service in various movements for the general welfare. Mr. Moore was married June 1, 1911, to Miss Loretta Adele Tomlinson, daughter of John R. and Amelia (Nuse) Tomlinson, of Dayton, and they are the parents of three children: Robert J., born in 1913; John T., born in 1915, and Eugene F., jr., born in 1917.

Albert J. Moorman, M. D. In adding the name of Dr. Albert J. Moorman to its professional equipment in 1910 Dayton was to profit by the services of a man who possessed both the ambition and the ability to make himself a factor of large professional usefulness. Doctor Moorman has won his way to success in his native community, for he was born at Dayton July 9, 1883, his parents being John B. and Theresa (Schiml) Moorman. After attending the parochial schools of Holy Trinity Catholic church he went to St. Mary's college, and was graduated therefrom with the class of 1900, receiving the degree of B. S. His medical studies were pursued at the Jefferson Medical college, Philadelphia, Pa., he being graduated from that institution in 1907 with the degree of M. D., and following this he was for two years an interne in New York hospitals. Subsequently Doctor Moorman put in four months of service as ship surgeon on the Hamburg-American Steamship line, and with this professional experience in the way of equipment came to Dayton and established himself in practice, and since then a gratifying patronage has grown up around him and a large following has responded to his practical demonstrations of skill and resource. He maintains well-appointed offices at No. 859 Reibold building. While Doctor Moorman is a general practitioner, he has specialized to some extent in surgery, and at this time is assistant surgeon of St. Elizabeth's hospital surgical staff. He belongs to the clinical congress of the Association of Surgeons and to the Montgomery County Medical society, the Ohio State Medical society and the American Medical association, and keeps fully abreast of all the advancements made in his profession. Doctor Moorman has a tactful and sympathetic manner and a personality which inspires confidence in his good will and ability. His fraternal connection is with the Knights of Columbus, in which order he has attained to the fourth degree, and his religious affiliation is with Corpus Christi Catholic church. Doctor Moorman was married October 22, 1913, to Miss Eva Elizabeth Witchger, daughter of August and Mary

(Legler) Witchger, of Dayton, and to this union there have been born a son and a daughter: Thomas Albert and Janet Marie.

Joseph F. Mueller. A business experience covering a number of years is, according to its nature, honorable or otherwise, but in either case it develops capacity and broadens or lessens the outlook on life. While every type of business man must possess certain qualities to ensure success in his undertakings, those indispensable to the banker rest on a higher plane than in many lines, and for this reason, if for no other, the banker occupies a position in any community comparable to no other. As a bank represents the most conservative of all institutions, so must the banker be the most conservative of individuals, while at the same time, although it may seem like an anomaly, he must also possess sufficient courage to be progressive in some matters. Of the men of Dayton who have of recent years reached positions of prominence in financial circles, one who possesses the foregoing opposite traits of character in proper measure is Joseph F. Mueller, cashier of the Third National bank, an institution with which he has been identified for more than a quarter of a century. Mr. Mueller was born at Dayton October 4, 1872, and is a son of Anthony Mueller, who came to the city about 1854 from his native Germany, and passed the remainder of his life here, dying December 31, 1897. Joseph F. Mueller was educated in the parochial schools of Dayton and his first business occupation was a clerk in a dry goods store. Not being satisfied with this form of employment he resigned, and in March, 1892, joined what was then the Third National bank, in the capacity of messenger. His fidelity to the interests of the institution, his natural grasp of banking subjects and his absolute integrity and great industry won him repeated promotion through the posts of clerk, assistant teller and teller, until finally, in March, 1917, he was made cashier of the Third National bank, which office he still holds. He is an example of the type of banker who particularly deserves success because he persistently uses his position of power for the safeguarding of the interests of his community. Bankers of this type are invaluable protectors of the public prosperity from sudden storms or injurious attacks. He is a valued and popular member of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Mueller was married to Miss Julia Selz, daughter of Charles Selz, of Dayton, and they have two children: Rosemary L. and Ruth E., both residing at home.

Herbert Conner Mundhenk, M. D. As one of the greatest factors in preserving the life and advancing the civilization of any country the medical profession is justly held in the highest regard, and the old Buckeye state includes on its roster of physicians the names of some of the most eminent men in the profession. Dr. H. C. Mundhenk, of this review, is one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Brookville, whose career entitles him to representation in a work of this nature. Doctor Mundhenk was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, August 11, 1877, the second in order of birth in a family of four children, one son and three daughters, born to Dr. William S. and Emma (Conner) Mundhenk. The Doctor's sister, Miriam, is a student at the Ohio State university in her

junior year. Doctor Mundhenk received a common school education and graduated from the Brookville High school in the class of 1895. He entered the Ohio State university in the fall of that year and graduated in arts and science from that institution in 1899. His medical studies were prosecuted at Jefferson Medical college, Philadelphia, and graduated in 1902, following which he spent some further time in the Jefferson hospital, where he completed his preparatory work. Returning to his native locality, he entered upon the practice of his profession under the preceptorship of his father, and has been in a constant and growing practice ever since. Doctor Mundhenk has continued to be a close and careful student, having attended a number of clinics in the east, as well as the famous Mayo clinics. He and his father have a most complete medical library, comprising about 500 volumes of medical works, in addition to which they are subscribers to the leading periodicals of their calling. The practice of Doctor Mundhenk extends throughout the territory adjacent to Brookville, and his skill as a physician and surgeon is universally recognized. Added to his professional equipment and forming a part thereof is a cheerful, genial and cordial personality, and his presence irradiates the sick room, frequently doing as much for his patients as his skill and medicines. His well equipped office is located in the heart of the business district of Brookville. Doctor Mundhenk was married June 10, 1903, to June Jenks, and to this union there have been born three children: William J., who has completed the graded public school course and is now in the first year of the Brookville High school; Marian, who is in fifth grade, and Helen Jane, in the second grade. Mrs. Mundhenk is a native of Cass county, Ind., born April 3, 1878, a daughter of John and Helen (Webb) Jenks. Mrs. Mundhenk is a Daughter of the American Revolution and belongs to Jonathan Dayton Chapter. Mrs. Mundhenk, who was educated and reared in her native county, is very domestic in her tastes and has been of great assistance to her husband in the establishment of their happy home. Her ancestry on her mother's side of the family is traced back to the War of the Revolution, where one of the Webbs distinguished himself as a soldier in the army of Gen. George Washington. She is a member of the Presbyterian church. Doctor Mundhenk is a Republican and has always abided by the principles of the Grand Old Party. During the great war he was one of the members of the budget committee of the Montgomery County War Chest, an arduous task in a patriotic cause which he performed in the manner that has characterized all of his actions. Professionally he holds membership in the Montgomery County Medical society, the Ohio State Medical society and the American Medical association. As a fraternalist he is greatly interested in Masonry, having been the original charter member of Brookville Lodge, No. 596, of which he served as master; West Milton Chapter, and Reed Commandery, No. 6, at Dayton. The pretty residence and office of Doctor Mundhenk is located on the corner of Market and Walnut streets. Both Doctor and Mrs. Mundhenk are eminently worthy of the confidence and esteem in which they are held, and no history of the community in which they reside could be considered complete that did not in-

clude a review of these leaders in the professional and social life of Brookville.

Warren Munger. Though more than a quarter of a century has passed since his death, his influence has not ceased to be a potent factor among those with whom he was associated during his active years. Mr. Munger was a member of one of Dayton's oldest families, and the name rightly belongs to the galaxy of pioneers who blazed the trail for future generations. He was born in Dayton, March 30, 1837, and was a son of Warren Munger, the elder, who was a successful business man of an early day and who is still remembered as an influential citizen in the affairs of the early development of the city, to the building of which he devoted much of his time and means. The younger Warren Munger was granted the best educational advantages that an awakening community could furnish and after attending the local primary and high schools was sent to Kenyon college at Gambier, Ohio. He was graduated therefrom and began his practice at Dayton just about the time of the opening of the Civil War, and for more than thirty years was one of the most prominent members of the Montgomery county bar. In his profession his keen intellect and discernment was manifest in his correct application of legal principles to the points in litigation. He belonged to the Montgomery County Bar association and was highly honored in his calling. Public spirited and charitable, he always found time for studying and fostering movements which aimed to improve the public weal. Unassuming in his manner, sincere in his friendship, steadfast and unswerving in his loyalty to the right, it is but just praise to say of him that he ranked with the most capable of professional men, and as a citizen was honorable and upright. His death, which occurred May 27, 1894, at Dayton, removed from the city one of its most worthy and dependable men. He was a faithful church member, belonging to and being a vestryman of Christ Episcopal church. In politics he was a stalwart Republican, but while always interested in public life, his chief interest was in his home and he found his greatest happiness in promoting the welfare of his family. He loved his home and no other place could be made so attractive to him; his life was consecrated to the altar of home, and this consecration he never forgot. Mr. Munger was united in marriage November 16, 1864, with Eliza Loomis, daughter of James D. Loomis, of Dayton, and to this union there was born one son: Harry L., a well-known attorney of Dayton, who is married and has a child: Warren.

Byron Murr. Dayton is justly notable for the learning, industry and high character of the individuals who make up its legal fraternity, and the profession here numbers among its members lawyers whose achievements have been noteworthy in cases of importance. Among those who have come to the forefront in recent years is Byron Murr, junior member of the firm of Carr, Allaman, Retter & Murr, whose career is typical of modern advancement, his having been a broad field of legal service. Mr. Murr was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, near Trotwood, August 3, 1882. Reared on the home farm, he obtained his early education in the district schools, following which he attended Miami university. Like many

others who have attained distinction in professional life, he began his career as a school teacher, and for four years was superintendent of the schools of Jefferson township, Montgomery county, but in the meantime applied himself to the study of law. He eventually entered Ohio State university, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws with the class of 1913, and having been admitted to the bar in 1912, immediately began practice alone at Dayton. January 1, 1916, he became a member of the firm of Carr, Allaman, Retter & Murr, with which he has since been identified. He has gained merited recognition in his calling and has made strides that promise much for his future success. Mr. Murr was married June 25, 1907, to Lorene, daughter of D. J. Wampler, of Shiloh Road, Ohio, and they have two children, Meriam and Lowell.

Allan E. Murray, purchasing agent and traffic manager of the Platt Iron works, is one of the energetic young business men of Dayton who is proving conclusively that this is the age of the young man, and that through his enthusiasm and willingness to adopt new methods a more efficient system is being inaugurated all over the country. Mr. Murray was born at Dayton June 17, 1889, a son of Charles T. and Mary J. (Sweetman) Murray. Charles T. Murray was born on the Dorothy lane and Lebanon pike, in Montgomery county, Ohio, a son of James Murray. The maternal grandfather of Allan E. Murray, Matthew Sweetman, installed the first composition tar walks and roofs at Dayton and in the state and had the rights for building these walks and roofs in Ohio. After attending the public schools of Dayton, Allen E. Murray took a course at St. Mary's college, from which he was graduated in 1906 with the degree of B. S. Immediately thereafter he entered upon his business career in the local offices of the Big Four railroad, remaining with that company for two years. For the subsequent two years Mr. Murray was with his brother, M. S. Murray, a civil engineer and contractor at Sikeston, Mo., installing water and drainage systems. During his stay in Sikeston he edited and published jointly with his brother The Sikeston Enterprise, the first daily newspaper in that town. Severing his association with his brother, Mr. Murray was with the Santa Fe railroad for three years, at Kansas City, Mo., leaving that road in 1913 to come to Dayton and enter the Platt Iron works as traffic manager. Later he was also given the duties of assistant purchasing agent, and in 1915 was made purchasing agent, still retaining the office of traffic manager, and is recognized as one of the most competent of the men connected with this vast enterprize. December 1, 1909, Mr. Murray was united in marriage with Miss Martha Kronauge, a daughter of William J. Kronauge, formerly a member of the city council of Dayton, Ohio, but now director of manual training in the industrial school of Lancaster, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Murray have four children, namely: Charles T., James F., Mary Phyllis and Dan, all of whom are at home. Mr. and Mrs. Murray are very consistent members of Corpus Christi Roman Catholic church. An enthusiastic booster of Dayton, Mr. Murray has always taken an interest beyond the ordinary in the city of his birth, and naturally became a member of the Greater Dayton association, as he is in complete sympathy with its projects and can be

depended upon to further them in every way within his power, and he is a national director of the National Association of Purchasing Agents, a member of the Miami Valley Golf club, an honored member of the Y. M. C. A., and has been active in the drives recently made in behalf of the war work of this organization. His services to his country during the war were invaluable. He helped to perfect and purchased all the material for the six-ton tractor or whippet tank which was so disastrous to the "Hun," laboring day and night until shortly before the armistice was signed, when he suffered a complete nervous breakdown.

Edward P. Musselman. While doubtless the architect is somewhat influenced in the choice of his profession because of his skill and facility in designing, nevertheless the real urge comes because of artistic conceptions that are inherent and will not be denied. Unlike some other exponents of art, however, the architect, talented though he may be as to artistic ideals, must also have a large measure of hard-headedness so that he can put his ideas successfully to the test of practicality. One of Dayton's well-known architects is Edward P. Musselman, who has designed and superintended the construction of many structures of beauty and utility in this city. Mr. Musselman was born in Perry township, Montgomery county, Ohio, June 3, 1875. His father, Joseph B. Musselman, who died in November, 1907, was a well-known contractor. The youth attended the public schools and afterward assisted his father in his business activities before he entered the Westside mills, where he worked for two years. It was fortunate that an opportunity then offered that introduced him to a firm of architects, his natural inclination being marked in the direction of building designing. He spent one year with the firm of Sutter & Peters and the succeeding four years with Col. H. E. Talbott, applying himself diligently. In 1902 he went with the firm of Peters, Burns & Pretzinger, architects, until 1907, then was with Mr. Pretzinger as assistant until 1912, in which year he became a partner, and they maintained offices in the Reibold building, Dayton. Mr. Musselman has built up a substantial reputation and has executed many large contracts, with satisfied clients resulting. He is favorably regarded in different circles in the city and is numbered with the representative professional men. He was married April 18, 1897, to Miss Harriet E. Norris, who is a daughter of S. W. Norris, of Dayton, and they have four children, three daughters and one son: Mary, Ruth, Anna and Edward P., jr. Mr. Musselman and his family belong to the First Brethren church, Dayton. He is identified fraternally with Masonic bodies to advanced degree and also with the Knights of Pythias and Modern Woodmen. He finds pleasant companionship and social recreation as a valued member of the Triangle, Exchange and the Noon Day clubs.

Alton G. Myers. In the recognition which he is receiving in every community may be found the assurance that the importance of the practical real estate man is being appreciated. This class, perhaps, more than any other serves to build up and develop localities; through its efforts outside capital is interested, and its honestly purposeful operations result in an invigorating and freshening flow

of blood through the business arteries of the locality which serves to stimulate all lines of trade, commerce and industry. Dayton, fortunate in the fact that the great majority of its dealers are men of probity, is one of the cities which has profited materially through the men who are engaged in the handling of real estate, with its manifest stability in a value way, and among the realty dealers here one who has impressed himself favorably upon the community both by the wide scope of his operations and the honorable methods which he has used in his transactions is Alton G. Myers. Mr. Myers was born in Miami county, Ohio, March 2, 1861, son of Daniel and Diana (Heaton) Myers. He was brought up as a farmer's son, attended the district schools for his education, and engaged in farming until twenty-five years of age. At that time he became dissatisfied with an agricultural life and engaged in road building and other contract work. About the year 1899 he came to Dayton and began business as a contractor on road and paving work. This brought him into contact with numerous new localities, and as he realized how the city was growing and extending its boundaries he also came to a realization of the opportunities offered in the field of realty operation and began laying his plans to enter that avenue of business. In 1907 he launched his first venture and his energetic handling of his affairs brought almost immediate success. Encouraged by the happy conclusion of his initial ventures, he extended his scope, and from that time to the present his business has grown and developed and he is now a leader among the general real estate dealers, owning a number of tracts and dealing principally in his own properties. During the eleven years that he has been in business Mr. Myers has carried out a number of successful projects, having made six large plots and improved and built upon them, viz: Edgemont place, Folkner and Superior, Audubon park, North Epworth Heights, South Epworth Heights and Linden Heights. Mr. Myers has always believed in raising the business of dealing in land to the level of a profession, for land is not a staple commodity that can be graded and divided into a few classes like grain or other products. He has always maintained high ideals in regard to his business operations and has won public confidence as well as that of his business associates. In civic movements he has borne his full share of responsibilities and in public-spirited enterprises has contributed generously of his ability, time and means. Mr. Myers married Miss Susanna Cole, daughter of Westlake Cole, of Sidney, Ohio, and they are the parents of three children: Bessie, who is the wife of Stanley Schwartzie, of Dayton, and has a daughter, Charlotte, and Max and Donald, residing with their parents. Mr. Myers' office is located at No. 927 Reibold building.

Charles E. Myers. Among the many beautiful farms of Montgomery county, one deserving of particular attention and mention is that owned by Charles E. Myers, both because of its general attractiveness and because it is the site of a wonderful natural spring which is the source of Little Bear creek. He was born October 17, 1875, the eldest of the two children of Allen and Mary B. (Lear) Myers. His sister is now deceased. His father was born in 1852, on the same farm and died in 1917 He was educated in the local

schools and the Brookville High school, was for some years a successful and popular educator of the locality, and also engaged in agricultural operations. He served as an official in both Clay and Perry townships. During the later years of his life he was identified with the lumber business. Mr. Myers maintained an independent stand as to politics, relying upon his own judgment in his choice of candidates and principles instead of blindly following party lines and directions. His remains were interred in the Pyrmont cemetery, where stands a monument sacred to his memory, erected by his son. Mrs. Myers was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, and here was reared and educated, and died in 1889. Charles F. Myers was largely self-educated in his youth, although he had the benefit of attendance at the public school, and while he was reared on a farm, he has for years been interested in the lumber business. His first experience in this connection was at Cleveland, Ohio, and later for a number of years was a wholesale dealer and manufacturer at Mississippi in lumber, whence he went in the same line to Cincinnati, thence returning to Montgomery county. Mr. Myers' residence is located three miles south of Brookville and is one of the up-to-date homes of the locality, having been entirely remodeled with the other buildings on the property. This property is known as "The Little Bear Creek Spring farm." Mr. Myers was married in 1899 to Helen E. Meade, who was educated in the city schools, and is a native of Cleveland and a daughter of Bernard and Mary (Cunningham) Meade. There were three sons and two daughters in the Meade family and all are living, being identified with business concerns. The father was a native of the Emerald Isle, and both he and his wife are now deceased. Mr. Myers, as was his deceased father, is independent in his political views. Both Mr. and Mrs. Myers are people who are cordial and genial and whose whole-hearted hospitality leads them to welcome both friend and stranger within the portals of their abode. The farm was visited by a tornado March 11, 1917, at which time the buildings were badly damaged, but since then have been placed in the best of repair.

Gamaliel C. Myers, M. D., whose professional reputation extends far beyond the city of Dayton, which has been his home for thirty-seven years, occupies a prominent place as physician, surgeon and citizen. A lifelong devotion to the study and practice of medical science has won for him many deserved professional honors, and in hundreds of quiet households his name is mentioned with gratitude and veneration because of his faithful service in exercising his knowledge and skill in times of distress and anxiety. Dr. Myers was born at Sharonville, in Hamilton county, Ohio, September 23, 1847. His primary education was secured in his native place, but later he took a course in the Normal school at Lebanon, Ohio, following which he became a student in the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, from which institution he was graduated in the class of 1880, with the degree of M. D. Immediately thereafter he sailed for Ireland and from Queen's college, Dublin, was graduated in the class of 1882. Dr. Myers returned then to his native land and established himself at Dayton in a general practice. For twelve years he was a member of the staff of the Miami Valley hos-

pital, but otherwise has devoted his time and talents to a general practice without the spectacular claims of a specialist in any particular line of deviation from health. May 24, 1884, Dr. Myers married Miss Delia Killoren, of Cincinnati, Ohio. Mrs. Myers died August 24, 1904. May 22, 1907, Dr. Myers was united in marriage to Mrs. Ella Wolfe, of Germantown, Ohio. He is a Thirty-third degree Mason and also a Shriner, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Masonic club, the Y. M. C. A., and is a veteran of the Civil War. Civic affairs relative to the general welfare, justified philanthropic enterprises and benevolent movements, have always found Dr. Myers interested and generous with his time, talent and resources.

Robert Glenn MacKenzie. While Dayton is the home of some of the oldest manufacturing concerns of Ohio, some of the youngest have found an attractive field here, and one that has made rapid progress and has every indication of a long and prosperous future is the American Machine Products company, of which Robert Glenn MacKenzie is president. Mr. MacKenzie is a skilled machinist with years of technical work behind him as experience. Of Scotch ancestry, he was born at Amherst Island, province of Ontario, Canada, June 23, 1884, came to the United States in childhood, and at Watertown, N. Y., was educated in the public schools, which he attended until he completed the high school course. As a toolmaker he then served an apprenticeship with the L. C. Smith Typewriter company, Syracuse, N. Y., and in 1906 entered the employ of Henry Ford at Detroit, Mich., where he continued until 1908, coming from there to the National Cash Register company, working as a machinist until 1911, from then until 1914 serving as foreman of several departments of the Delco. In March, 1914, he left the Delco and became assistant night superintendent of the Recording and Computing Machines company and afterward superintendent and production manager. Mr. MacKenzie then embarked in business for himself, and in June, 1919, established the American Machine Products company, with $25,000 as capital and the following officers: Robert G. MacKenzie, president; W. N. Frank, vice-president; F. G. Miller, secretary and treasurer. The company erected a building which gives 5,000 square feet of floor space and employment is afforded forty-five people. The business is the manufacture of duplicate machine parts, and as an evidence of prosperity the company has now on hand $150,000 in contracts. December 31, 1910, Mr. MacKenzie married Josephine, daughter of Joseph Ehrhardt, cigar manufacturer, of Dayton, and they have three children: Glenna Marguerite, Eleanor Rachel and Roberta May, aged respectively eight, six and three years. Mr. MacKenzie is a member of Oregon Lodge, Knights of Pythias. He is a man of much business enterprise, and ever since coming to Dayton has shown civic interest by heartily co-operating in public efforts.

Donald E. MacPhail, M. D. A recent addition to the medical fraternity of Dayton, Dr. Donald E. MacPhail, while one of the younger members of his profession, has in his comparatively short career been granted opportunities that have made his experience wide and varied and of the most useful character, thus forming

an excellent foundation for a future of exceptional usefulness in his calling. He was born at Northville, Mich., January 14, 1890, and as a lad was taken to Wilmington, Ohio, where he acquired his early educational training in the public schools. After some preliminary preparation, he entered the medical department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, and was graduated therefrom as a member of the class of 1914, at which time he received his coveted diploma and degree as a Doctor of Medicine. During 1914-1915, Doctor MacPhail served as an interne in St. Elizabeth's hospital, Dayton, and then went to the mining country of Northern Michigan, where his labors during the next two years were of a character which brought him in touch with life in the raw, granting him excellent opportunities in the way of securing experience and first-hand knowledge. The entrance of the United States into the great world war drew him from his duties in the mines, and September 13, 1917, he enlisted in the United States Medical Corps. The young physician was given a commission as first lieutenant, sailed to France among the early arrivals from this country, and spent twenty-one months in active service with the American Expeditionary Forces, of which eighteen months were passed with the famous First Division. Through all the terrible scenes of war he rendered faithful and valuable service, and continued to be a member of the medical corps until receiving his honorable discharge, June 17, 1919. Returning to his native land, he established himself in general practice at Dayton, where he has since maintained offices at No. 475 Broadway. He is equipped in every way to be a useful and honorable member of his calling, and has already established confidential relations with a large and growing clientele.

Joseph E. McAdams. A noteworthy instance of the growth and substantial development of a business is found in the history of the Gem City Machine company, which, founded in 1908, has become within the comparatively short period of its existence one of the leaders in its special field of manufacture. The organizer and promoter of this business, Joseph E. McAdams, is the one to whom credit is due for this achievement, and his career has been one illustrative of self-made manhood in its truest sense. Mr. McAdams was born at Worthington, Ind., November 11, 1880, a son of Joseph and Sarah (Davis) McAdams. His education was secured in the public schools of Worthington, Ind., and his first employment of a stable character was with the Warder, Bushnell & Glessner company, of Springfield, Ohio, manufacturers of harvesting machinery, with which concern he remained for two years. Next coming to Dayton, he entered the employ of the National Cash Register company, remaining four years, when he entered upon his real career by founding the Gem City Machine company, in 1908. The business was incorporated for $25,000, and Mr. McAdams became president of the newly organized company, his associates including E. E. Burkhart, vice-president, and H. G. Noble, secretary and treasurer. The business was located on E. First street, and about thirty-five people were employed in the manufacture of jigs, dies, fixtures and special machinery. Since that time the business has grown until there are approximately 150 people on the payroll, and the territory

covered includes the entire United States and Canada, two salesmen being kept on the road. In 1914 Secretary Noble was succeeded by M. L. McAdams, who now occupies that position and the post of treasurer, the other officials being the same as at the inception of the business. During the period of the great war the Gem City Machine company was engaged 100 per cent in war production, manufacturing gun sights. After fire had caused a $60,000 loss to the company's plant, in 1914, removal was made to the present location, at 434-438 E. First street, where there is a modern, sanitary plant, with the latest machinery and appliances and inventions. Mr. McAdams in directing the policy of this business has shown good judgment, energy and real ability, demonstrating the fact that he is possessed of the qualities necessary to successfully compete with others in a field calling for marked ability. He has been content with his business activities and with no desire to be known as a public figure, but is officially connected with several civic bodies and refuses his support to no worthy movement. As a fraternalist he is a Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine.

Orlando P. McCabe. The name of Orlando P. McCabe has been intimately associated with Dayton's business history for a number of years, and his success has been entirely due to his own ability, and in the handling of loans, in which he is an adept, he has won a recognized and accredited place. Mr. McCabe was born September 6, 1857, near Palestine, German township, Darke county, Ohio. He was educated in the public schools, after leaving which he became a school teacher and devoted five years to the instruction of the young in the rural districts of Darke county. Feeling that he was not making satisfactory advancement and that the educator's profession was not the role best suited to his abilities, in 1881 he came to Dayton, and on March 1 of that year entered upon his duties as bookkeeper for the firm of Smith-Vaile. Here he remained for some years, his fidelity and capability winning him advancement from position to position, until in 1892 he was made assistant secretary of that concern. About 1898, when a vacancy occurred, he was advanced to secretary, and remained as such until 1903, when he resigned his position to become secretary for the Buckeye Building and Loan company. This prominent concern has been in existence for more than a quarter of a century, having been incorporated March 15, 1893. It now has a capital stock of $3,000,000, and its officers are as follows: president, Adam Schantz; vice-president, Thomas H. Smith; treasurer, J. Edward Sauer; attorney, Judge Charles W. Dale; secretary, Orlando P. McCabe, and assistant secretary, Bruce C. Shepherd. The board of directors include: Adam Schantz, president of the Dayton Breweries company; Thomas H. Smith, state agent of the Allemannia Fire Insurance company, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Judge Charles W. Dale, of Dale & Kusworm, attorneys; Henry J. Kramer, superintendent of the F. A. Requarth company; Frank J. Butcher, president of the Butcher & Butcher company, cigar manufacturers; Sam K. Pine, chief deputy county treasurer's office, and O. P. McCabe, president of the McCabe-Shepherd-Coe company. For some years past Mr. McCabe has been interested in insurance, and in 1910 became one of the

organizers of the McCabe-Shepherd-Coe company, an insurance company incorporated for $50,000. This concern has also developed materially under his able direction and now occupies a leading position among enterprises of its kind. While business affairs have largely occupied his time, he has not been negligent in discharging the duties of citizenship. Truly a self-made man, his record is an indication that "success is ambition's answer." He started out as many other successful men have done, with a determination to make life a success, and with assiduity, industry and thrift has reached a broad field of activity and usefulness.

Benjamin F. McCann was born and reared on a farm near Zanesville, Ohio, and is a son of Thomas A. and Jane McKee McCann. Following a primary course in the country schools he completed his education at Denison university, Granville, Ohio, from which institution he received the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts. He selected Dayton as his future home and pursued his legal studies with the well-known law firm of Gunckel & Rowe and was admitted to practice in 1890. He at once opened an office alone on N. Main street, in the building now occupied by The Kiefaber Delicacy company, and was successful from the start. Judge McCann wins clients readily and seldom ever loses one. Intelligent, conscientious, devoted to his work, his integrity and ability have stood through the years unquestioned. He is famous for clearness and conciseness of statement, both in the preparation of legal documents and in the presentation of a case to court or jury. His practice reaches into all the courts both state and national. He has made an enviable record and his services are in constant demand by large corporate interests and in connection with large estates. His judicial temperament gives added weight to his conclusions and makes him a valued and much sought adviser. In his early career as prosecutor he helped to inaugurate and establish the police court in the city and was afterwards twice elected judge of the probate court of Montgomery county by large majorities. A third nomination was refused. Since his retirement from office in 1906 his name has been frequently mentioned in connection with congressional, judicial and various state offices, but he has devoted his entire time to his professional duties and steadfastly refused all overtures for political honors. Within the last two years he has taken Charles W. Whalen, Esq., into partnership under the firm name of McCann & Whalen, with commodious offices in the Mutual Home building. Judge McCann is a member of the local, state and national bar associations but apparently cares little for club life. He has rendered efficient service to religious and educational institutions such as the Y. M. C. A., Denison university and Ohio State university, on whose various boards of trustees he has served for many years. The Judge was married in 1900 to Miss Laura H. Thresher and they have three children, Franklin T., Alice B. and Eleanor C. McCann. He owns a good farm north of the city on which the family live during the summer months, and he is considered an authority on fine stock and practical methods of farming. Each member of the family owns a horse and all can ride and drive fearlessly. His hours of recreation are spent in play with the children, or among the stock on the farm,

or in hunting big game in the New Brunswick woods. A house full of trophies bears mute evidence of his skill with the gun. Quiet and unassuming in manner, Judge McCann is a man of strong convictions and undisputed courage. In his adopted city he has made a large place for himself both as a lawyer and a citizen.

Edwin L. McCleary. Unless he be possessed of special qualifications and has earned the confidence of his fellows, it is seldom that an individual is placed at the head of a large industry. Every man is not to be considered fitted for such a task, and while some are born with the power to lead their associates, it will be found that in the greater number of cases the most successful are those who have been developed through successive promotions from the bottom of the ladder. In this latter class is found Edwin L. McCleary, president of the James Saunders company, of Dayton. His career has been a self-made one and the prominence and position that are now his have been fairly earned. Mr. McCleary was born on a farm near Dayton, in Montgomery county, Ohio, August 7, 1872, a son of George W. McCleary, who, during a long and honorable career, followed farming in his native county of Montgomery, and is now deceased. Edwin L. McCleary attended the public schools of Harrison township, and was given further advantages at the Steele High school, Dayton, where he first became ambitious to follow a business career instead of an agricultural one. From his youth he had been fond of machinery, and it was but natural that he should apprentice himself to the trade of machinist for three years. During that time he gained his initial experience in this vocation at the works of the Stilwell-Bierce-Vaile company, and subsequently went to the Globe Iron works, where he first worked as a machinist and subsequently became an assistant foreman. After five years with that concern he became identified with the city water works and remained one year, and in 1908 joined the James Saunders company, millwrights, machinists, electricians and manufacturers' agents, as a foreman. This firm had been originally established in January, 1906, by James Saunders and others, the business being incorporated for $15,000, and the first officials being: James Saunders, president; Jesse Davis, vice-president; O. S. Blair, treasurer, and Sid Eckley, secretary. The business was originally located at Nos. 24 to 26 N. Canal street. In 1909 a reorganization of the business was effected, at which time Mr. McCleary was made secretary of the company, although the other officers remained the same, and the firm continued to operate in the same way until February, 1914, when Edwin L. McCleary and Elwood C. Baver bought the stock of James Saunders. At that time the following officers were elected: Edwin L. McCleary, president; H. L. Orrman, vice-president; Elwood C. Baver, treasurer, and A. H. Sharrer, secretary. The capital remains at $15,000. This concern does a millwrighting, machinist and electrical business, and also acts in the capacity of manufacturers' agent. In its machine department it carries on contract machine work, gear cutting, manufacturing special machinery, steam and gas engine work, general repairing, etc. In its millwright department it is fully equipped to take care of any kind of business that comes under that heading, and the same can be said

for the electrical department. In fact, the plant contains the latest improved machinery and equipment of all kinds, and employment is given to a large force of skilled mechanics, especially selected for their skill and experience in their special lines of work. Mr. McCleary himself is familiar with all branches of the business, having thoroughly learned his trade from the lowest rungs of the ladder, and in addition is possessed of the executive capacity necessary to properly direct the enterprise. In business circles he has an excellent reputation for fidelity to engagements, and his associates have every confidence in him. Mr. McCleary is a member of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce. He takes an active interest in the work of the local Y. M. C. A., of which he is a member, and also in the movements of the Euclid Avenue United Brethren church, to which he belongs. He is likewise affiliated with the Electric club, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Dayton Lodge of the Masonic Order, Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite and Shrine, and Ormus Grotto and Elks. Mr. McCleary was first married June 30, 1903, to Miss Maude Roselle Gettier, daughter of George W. Gettier, of Dayton. She died in February, 1914, leaving three children: Loren E., Kenneth J. and Margery A., all residing at home and attending school. Mr. McCleary was again married June 15, 1915, his bride being Miss Lucy C. Christy, daughter of E. Benjamin Christy, of Dayton. He organized February, 1919, the Gem City Auto Sales company, located on Monument and Stratford avenues.

William S. McConnaughey. From the practice of law to a post of trust in the government of community, state or nation, is but a step. A long step, admittedly, but one that has been recurrently accomplished to the benefit of both the aspirant and the general welfare. In his practice the attorney must expose his ability, the strength of his personality, and the stand he assumes on the fundamental principles governing society. Should he at a future date desire public office or political preferment he must rely upon the record of his practice to gain him support. He may be accredited with the requisite knowledge and experience, but unless the footprints he has left behind are clear and clean and in unshaken places he cannot inspire confidence. A succession of imprints all leading unerringly in the right direction, made through nearly twenty years of practice, gained for William S. McConnaughey the faith of the people, which eventually led to his choice, in January, 1915, for the office of city attorney, which he now holds. As a private practitioner his slate was clean and in his official capacity he has established an enviable record and done much of a commendable nature. Mr. McConnaughey was born February 13, 1873, at Tippecanoe city, Ohio, and there received his early education in the public schools, following which he took a commercial course in the Miami Business college, Dayton. His predilections ran toward a career in the law and his studies were prosecuted in the office of the late Oscar M. Gottschall and Judge O. B. Brown, well-known legist and jurist of Dayton, under whose wise and capable preceptorship the young man made rapid advancement, being admitted to the bar October 15, 1896. At that time he began the practice of his profession and has continued in it ever since, becoming city attorney in January, 1915. Mr. Mc-

Connaughey's advancement in his profession has been steady and continuous, and he is regarded as an eminently capable lawyer and an energetic city official. He belongs to the Montgomery County Bar association, the Ohio Bar association, the American Bar association and the District Federal Court association. Likewise he holds membership in several fraternities and clubs and has a wide acquaintance in official and political circles of Dayton.

Hon. Allen C. McDonald. While the profession of law for centuries has enlisted some of the most profound minds of the times, modern business conditions have opened up new fields for the brilliant attorney, and many of this calling have turned their attention to particular branches, specializing along certain lines. This development has been necessary, for the problems presented by the complex conditions existing today are so serious and difficult of solution that the average lawyer has not the experience or expert knowledge necessary to handle them all satisfactorily. Among the members of the bar of the Miami valley of Ohio, few have attained more distinguished records than has Hon. Allen C. McDonald, both in and outside of the profession. He has long been before the public in official capacities and in political life, having been representative in the state legislature and at once time candidate for lieutenant-governor of Ohio; while as an attorney he is accounted one of the most eminent specialists in the line of building and loan associations. Allen C. McDonald was born November 29, 1869, near Laura, Miami county, O., and is of Scotch-Irish descent on the paternal side, while on the maternal side he is of German stock. As a lad he attended the common schools of the country district of his home, also hiring out by the month to neighboring farmers and working on the home place. He also managed to attend the West Milton high school, and when he was eighteen years of age started to teach in the rural communities, continuing this for two years. Mr. McDonald then went to Richmond, Ind., where he remained about four years, during a part of which time he attended Earlham college. In order to defray his expenses, he worked as a stenographer for a manufacturing concern. About this time he established a home of his own by his marriage, and in 1894, after successfully passing a civil service examination in Indiana, was appointed to a Governmental department position at Washington, D. C. This enabled him to attend the law school of Georgetown university, from which he was duly graduated with the degrees of Bachelor of Laws and Master of Laws, and in 1897 he was admitted to the bars of the supreme court and court of appeals of the District of Columbia. While in the treasury department he attained a record which elicited the personal commendation of Secretary Gage, under President McKinley, and accepted a transfer to a responsible Government position at New York city. Returning to Dayton in 1899 he began the practice of law, and continued to take an interest in public affairs, and was elected by the people to the Seventy-fifth and Seventy-sixth General Assemblies, in which he served with distinction to himself and his party. He again returned to Dayton and resumed practice, and in 1914 was the nominee of the

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Republican party for the office of prosecuting attorney. In the primary campaign, of 1916, Mr. McDonald was for a time Republican candidate for lieutenant-governor of Ohio, but before the election withdrew for the purpose of conserving party harmony. While Mr. McDonald has numerous professional and business connections, his principal work is done as secretary and attorney of the Dayton Building and Savings association. This concern was established August 28, 1909 and began business December 1 of that year. During the close of the first fiscal year (ten months), it showed $85,604.72, while its net assets October 1, 1917, were in excess of $667,000, and showed an increase during the year of almost $150,000. Because of its phenomenal growth the authorized capital of the association was increased to $1,500,000. The business was started on the third floor of the Commercial building, where it remained until May 1, 1916, at which time the offices were transferred to their present location, at No. 21 W. Fourth street, in addition to which there is conducted an East Dayton branch office at No. 1932 East Third street. The officers of the association are: president, William D. Huber, president of the Huber Fire-Proof Garage company; first vice-president, William E. Sparks, care of the James Saunders company; second vice-president, James E. Conley, president of the James E. Conley company; treasurer, J. Owen Britton, cashier of the Merchants National bank; secretary and attorney, Allen C. McDonald; assistant secretary, Carrie D. Thomas; directors, the foregoing, and Charles W. Bieser, general manager Everybody's Book Shop company and vice-president of the First Savings & Banking company; John M. Ebert, director of the West Dayton Commercial and Savings bank; Frank C. Hubbell, wholesale and retail grain merchant and real estate dealer; William M. Burkhardt, vice-president and treasurer of the Stomps-Burkhardt company; James E. Saum, wholesale manufacturing confectioner; and Eugene J. Schaefer, cigar manufacturer and director First Savings & Banking company.

Mr. McDonald has continued to be interested in politics from the time of his first entrance into public life, and is accounted one of the strong and influential men of the Republican party in Montgomery county. He was secretary and a member of the Republican County Central committee in 1907-8; an alternate delegate to the Republican National convention in the latter year, and has frequently been a delegate to state and district conventions. With his family, he belongs to the Presbyterian church. He is well known in fraternal circles, being a Mason of high standing and a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics and the Loyal Order of Moose. He was married in August, 1893, to Mary A. Murray, of Hagerstown, Ind., and they are the parents of one daughter, Mary F., a graduate of Denison university, Granville, O.

Thomas F. McDonald. The career of Thomas F. McDonald, now a substantial business man of Dayton, is another illustration of the value of the learning of a useful trade, of applying oneself to the mastery of a given vocation, and of the practical working out of a well-defined course through steady application and com-

mendable industry. Mr. McDonald's start in life was not particularly auspicious, for he had only the advantages of a common school education, without the assistance of financial support or the aid of influential friends. He had, however, as his capital, an energetic nature and an ambitious and determined one, and through his own efforts he made these suffice to set him on the highroad to success. Thomas F. McDonald, secretary and manager of the Dayton Brass Castings company, was born in County Mayo, Ireland, August 1, 1860. He was a lad of five years when his parents brought him to the United States, the first family settlement being at Cincinnati, where he secured his education in the public schools. As a youth he was industrious and willing, and his career in the business world was commenced in a foundry, where he learned through long hours of hard work the value of money and the dignity of labor. Next, Mr. McDonald learned the moulding trade, to which he applied himself in various capacities, as journeyman, assistant foreman and foreman, and it was in the last-named post that he was placed when he came to Dayton in 1905 and entered the employ of the brass foundry at the Platt Iron works. There he became acquainted with James D. Platt, jr., the assistant superintendent, and a young man of enterprise and initiative. Together they conceived and carried out the plan of establishing a business of their own, forming a co-partnership in 1908. The start of this concern was a comparatively modest one, but the elder man's experience and ability, and the younger's enthusiasm and energy soon combined to secure results, and in October, 1912, it was deemed wise to incorporate the business. Thus came into being the Dayton Brass Castings company, with a capital of $15,000, Mr. Platt becoming president and treasurer and Mr. McDonald secretary and manager. At the time the business was incorporated a building was erected at the corner of Homestead and Calm streets, 75 x 125 feet in dimensions, and modern machinery and equipment were installed. The product of the company, which has an excellent market over a wide area of Middle West territory, consists of brass, bronze and aluminum castings, and seventy-five people are employed in the plant. He has always kept pace with the times and today his plant is strictly up-to-date and one of the most modern in the country. Like his partner, Mr. McDonald is a business man of unquestioned integrity, who, during a long career, has learned to honor truth for truth's sake in his transactions with his fellow-men and who applies this rule to his every-day business life. Practically his entire time is devoted to the advancement of his manufacturing interests, but he also finds leisure for relaxation in a social way, being fond of the companionship of his fellows, and also has been able on occasion to give his support to worthy movements of a civic character, in which his good judgment, soundness of views and practical advice have been found constructively valuable. Mr. McDonald was united in marriage with Elizabeth Opperman and they are the parents of four children: Arthur, Lillian, Gertrude and Irene, and they occupy one of the finest homes on Lebanon Pike.

Ray H. McElroy is a typical Miami valley man, born at Brookville, Montgomery county, O., May 25, 1887, a product of the educational institutions of the state, and now prominent in business circles of Dayton as assistant general manager of the International Clay Machinery company. He is a son of Abram and Adelia (Harden) McElroy, his father being a blacksmith by trade who came to Dayton in 1910 and entered the service of the Davis Sewing Machine company. Mr. McElroy attended the public schools of Brookville, and after his graduation from the Steele high school of Dayton enrolled as a student at the Ohio State university, from which institution he was duly graduated with the class of 1909, receiving the degree of Ceramic Engineer. His first employment was at Dayton, where he became engineer for the C. W. Raymond company, manufactureres of clay working machinery. Subsequently he was advanced to sales manager, but resigned his position to join the Cadillac Motor company, of Detroit, Mich., as sales promotion manager. In 1917 he became sales manager of the International Clay Machinery company, and in the following year was made assistant general manager, his present post now being vice-president and general manager. Originally the C. W. Raymond company, organized in the early '70s, the International Clay Machinery company experienced a reorganization in October, 1915, when it was incorporated under its present name with a capital of $200,000, there being the following officers: S. W. Reynolds, president; B. A. Prager, vice-president and secretary; and J. C. Bannock, general manager. In 1916 Mr. Bannock died and M. Silverman became general manager, while R. H. McElroy was made sales and assistant general manager, and A. D. Shellabarger became treasurer. Mr. Silverman resigned in 1918, owing to ill health, and H. E. Stocker became vice-president and general manager, and Walter S. Smith, production manager, while S. W. Reynolds continues as president; and B. A. Prager, secretary. The new company, starting with about 100 employes, has increased its working force to 400 people, and the plant, located at No. 1057 Bolender avenue, covers seven acres of ground, with 75,000 square feet of floor space. The product of this concern includes clay working machinery, gas producers, industrial and dump cars, combustion furnaces, structural iron work, sheet metal work, general foundry work and conveying systems. During the period of the great war the company was engaged 100 per cent in war production, its products for the Government being 75-MM. shells and emergency fleet marine engines. Eight salesmen are kept constantly on the road, and the product of the concern, because of its superior quality, meets with a ready demand over a wide territory. Mr. McElroy is one of his city's forceful and energetic business men, one who has gained his present position through merit and a comprehensive knowledge of the principles pertaining to the business. He is a member of the American Ceramic society and the Dayton Engineers club, belongs also to the Delta Upsilon college fraternity, and is a thirty-second degree, Scottish Rite Mason. July 17, 1916, Mr. McElroy was united in matrimony with Carol, daughter of Louis and Mary (Mauman) Pape, of Dayton.

Russel McGee. An important cog in the machinery which operates the activities of the Dayton Metal Products company is found in the person of Russel McGee. Mr. McGee came to Dayton in 1914, as an eighteen-year-old youth, in the capacity of private secretary for H. E. Talbott, jr. His advancement has been steady and continuous from that time, and he is now numbered among the thoroughly capable, well-informed and progressive younger men in the metal products trade. Mr. McGee is a Canadian by nativity, born at Berks Falls, July 10, 1896. His early education was secured in the public schools of his native place, and later he completed his education at Sault Ste. Marie, where he first became identified with the Talbott company in the capacity of office boy. He was industrious and faithful, willing and energetic, and soon won promotion that enabled him to perfect himself as a stenographer, a position to which he was advanced in the purchasing department. Subsequently, he went to Grand Mere, Quebec, Canada, in the same capacity, and proved himself so capable and well informed that he was chosen as private secretary for H. E. Talbott, jr., of the firm. In 1914, he came to Dayton with Mr. Talbott as his secretary, later took charge of the purchasing and order departments, in the general offices of the Dayton Metal Products company, and has since continued in the same capacity. Mr. McGee is a member of the Kettle club, and has various civic and social connections at Dayton, where he has made and maintained numerous friendships. With Mrs. McGee, he belongs to Grace Methodist Episcopal church. He was married December 27, 1918, to Miss Florence H. Teal, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Walter E. McGervey. An instance of industry, determination and fidelity rewarded is found in the career of Walter E. McGervey, of Dayton. When he started upon his wage-earning activities he had only those advantages possessed by the normal youth who has not been granted a higher education, but he immediately began to make the most of his opportunities and when these opportunities did not occur with sufficiently satisfying frequency, he constructed them for himself. From a clerkship he has thus risen to the presidency of the East Dayton Savings and Banking company and to a place of acknowledged prestige among Dayton's bankers. Mr. McGervey was born May 20, 1883, at Xenia, Ohio, a son of Frank F. McGervey. After attending the public schools of Xenia, he was sent to Culver Military academy, and immediately upon his graduation therefrom entered the Citizens' National bank of Xenia, with which he remained nine years in clerical capacities. In 1909 he was elected deputy county auditor of Greene county, Ohio, a position in which he served until 1912, in September of which year he became cashier of the East Dayton Savings and Banking company. He became president of this institution October 14, 1919, and still occupies that position, his fellow officials being: Wm. J. Focke, vice-president; L. B. McAdoo, cashier, and Herbert S. Jack, assistant cashier. The board of directors of this institution is consisted of J. W. Boren, H. C. Hopkins, William J. Focke, John F. Harris, F. D. Morrison and W. E. McGervey. This bank is capitalized at $60,000, and has a surplus of $20,000 and undivided profits of $11,-

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570. Its most recent statement, in 1919, showed resources of $953,201.05 and deposits in excess of $800,000. Mr. McGervey combines in his equipment the desirable qualities of conservatism blended with progressive ideas, and his knowledge of finance in all its forms is acknowledged freely by his associates. His business and social connections are numerous and important, as a fraternalist he belongs to Gem City Lodge, No. 795, I. O. O. F., and another of his affiliations is with the Y. M. C. A. Mr. McGervey was married April 26, 1906, to Alice M., daughter of Isaac M. Mowrer, of Xenia, Ohio.

Edward Morrison McIntire. The late Edward Morrison McIntire, of Dayton, one of the lovable men of the city, was born at Dayton, May 30, 1870, a son of J. K. McIntire. He received his education in the public schools, immediately after leaving which he took a humble position in the J. K. McIntire Wholesale Grocery Co. and eventually worked his way up to a partnership with his father, J. K. McIntire and brother, John S. McIntire, continuing to be connected with the firm until his early death, July 24, 1916. While Mr. McIntire's sojourn on earth was a brief one, comparatively, still he was able to accomplish much, and to enroll his name on the list of business men who have assisted Dayton in its commercial and industrial growth and development. He was an active member of the Chamber of Commerce, belonged to the Y. M. C. A., and had a number of club connections, being a member of the Dayton City, Buz Fuz, Bicycle and Country clubs. He was married March 5, 1897, to Miss Clara Louise Gebhart, daughter of William F. and Clara (Turpin) Gebhart, of Dayton, and to this union two children were born: John K. and Elizabeth, who both reside with their mother in the pleasant family home at No. 360 W. First street. John K. McIntire attended the public schools of Dayton, a preparatory school at Lawrenceville, N. J., and Dartmouth college, at which institution he was a student when, in April, 1917, he enlisted in the Naval Aviation Corps, and became an ensign. He continued in the service until receiving his honorable discharge, February 8, 1919, at which time he returned to college and completed his course. He is now connected with the J. K. McIntire Wholesale Grocery Co. and is accounted one of the rising and energetic young business men of the city.

John S. McIntire. Numerous of the biographies appearing in this work are those of early settlers or of the founders of large business houses, or of leaders in professional vocations or in public life. Because of the circumstances of their coming to the Miami valley, or the period of their connection with affairs, such individuals possess a certain advantage quite apart from their individual characters. Those following them are in a measure overshadowed by the veneration in which men hold their elders; nevertheless, the life of the community cannot be adequately illustrated without taking into consideration those who have taken up the work of their fathers and carried it on with success quite equal to theirs. John S. McIntire belongs to the second generation of Dayton's business men. A product of the city's schools, his commercial training was in its marts, and he entered into a business already established.

The ability and industry which he has brought to the management under conditions of greater competition, have been quite as intense and substantial in character, although they may not have the scenic interest which surrounded the founder of the McIntire wholesale grocery enterprise. This establishment was founded in 1854 by John K. McIntire, with his partner, as Kneisley & McIntire, the first house being on Third street. This association continued until 1877, when the senior member of the firm retired, and Mr. McIntire established himself at new headquarters, 125 E. Third street, as the J. K. McIntire company, a concern of which he was the directing head until his death, June 28, 1908. January 1, 1909, the business was incorporated with a capital of $175,000, by Edward M. and John S. McIntire, the former of whom continued as vice-president until his death, July 26, 1916. John S. McIntire continues as president of the company, while J. F. Schneider is vice-president, and Earl A. Marshall, secretary. John S. McIntire was born at Dayton, May 30, 1868, a son of John K. McIntire, and completed his education at Deever's Collegiate institute. He immediately entered the business of his father, at whose death he became president of the company, a position which he has since retained. The concern is one of the most important ones of its line at Dayton, dealing in wholesale staple and fancy groceries, and employs twenty-two men in its warehouse and offices, with seven traveling salesmen on the road. The building, a seven-story structure, 50 x 160 feet, was erected in 1912. The business, diligently pursued and conducted with rare adaptation to the needs and demands of the trade, has prospered greatly during the past decade, yielding its proprietor a comfortable income, and linking his name with a brand of products which for excellence and standard of quality have gained a reputation throughout the Middle West. Mr. McIntire is connected in various ways with other large interests of Dayton, being vice-president of the Third National bank, and director of the Dayton Spice Mills company and of the Ohmer Fare Register company. He is a Republican, but not a politician, while his social affiliations are numerous, including membership in the Buz Fuz, Dayton, Country and Dayton Automobile clubs. He belongs also to the Dayton Rotary club and the Greater Dayton association and works actively in all movements for civic betterment. He is a member of the First Baptist church and a liberal contributor both from his purse and in personal attention to charitable and philanthropic enterprises. Mr. McIntire was married May 15, 1913, to Mary P. Ramsey, daughter of Joseph Ramsey, jr., of East Orange, N. J., president of the Wabash Railroad.

James W. McLaughlin, M. D. To a thorough professional equipment, Dr. James W. McLaughlin, of Dayton, adds a kindly and sympathetic manner, a genuine liking for his calling and a ready adaptation to its multitudinous and exacting demands, and since beginning practice at Dayton his skill in diagnosis and his successful treatment of complicated and long-standing cases have created a gratifying demand for his services and laid the foundation for what is already proving a career of exceptional breadth and usefulness. Doctor McLaughlin was born at Leesburg, Highland

county, Ohio, September 14, 1867, and received his early education in the public schools. For a time he was employed as a telegraph operator with the B. & O. railway, and while so engaged spent his spare time in studying medicine under the capable preceptorship of his father, Dr. Joseph V. McLaughlin, a well-known and greatly beloved practitioner of that place for many years and for two years, 1890-91 was a student in the Starling Medical college, Columbus, Ohio, and in 1892-93 studied at the Emsworth college, St. Joseph, Mo., from which he graduated. James W. McLaughlin started practice in 1894 at Leesburg, but in 1895 went to Bowersville, Greene county, and in 1902 to Moons, Fayette county, where during a period of seven years he cared for a large rural practice. In 1909, Doctor McLaughlin came to Dayton and established himself in general practice, and since then has been in the enjoyment of a constantly growing clientele. He maintains offices at No. 2118 W. Third street and has succeeded in a gratifying way in securing and holding the confidence of the public and the esteem of his fellow-practitioners. He belongs to the various organizations of his profession and to a number of civic and social bodies, and has formed a wide circle of friendly acquaintances. September 4, 1904, Doctor McLaughlin married Miss Laura J. Reed, of East Monroe, Ohio, and they have had two children: James L., who is attending school; and Margaret Irene, who is deceased.

Henry W. McMillen. Unlike many of his contemporaries in the field of journalism, Henry W. McMillen had attained mature years before he entered newspaper work, having become identified with the Brookville Star in 1905. Prior to that time he had devoted himself to agriculture and veterinary surgery, in each of which vocations he had achieved success, but at present his entire interests and activities are centered in the publication of which he is the sole owner and which is one of the cleanly, reliable, widely read newspapers of this part of the Miami valley. Mr. McMillen is a native of Van Wert county, Ohio, born October 23, 1862, a son of George W. and Matilda (Norris) McMillen, and traces his maternal ancestors back to Scotland. George W. McMillen was born in Carroll county, Ohio, where he was educated in the public schools, and passed the active years of his life in agricultural pursuits in Carroll county, where his early death occurred about the year 1864. He was first a Whig and later a Republican. Mrs. McMillen, also a native of Carroll county, survives her husband as a resident of Van Wert. Henry W. McMillen was but an infant when his father died, and the only child of his parents. His education was confined to attendance at the public schools, and when he was thirteen years of age began his wage-earning career at $6 per month. Until he was thirty-four years of age he continued to follow farming, and during this time, through his own thrift, good management and industry became the owner of two small farms in Van Wert county. He next took up the study of veterinary surgery and in 1900 graduated from the Indiana Veterinary college, subsequently passing with credit the state examination in his vocation. In the year of his graduation he located at Brookville and embarked in the practice of veterinary surgery, in which he continued with some success for

twelve or fourteen years. During this time he had become interested in newspaper work, and in 1905, while still practicing his profession, bought the Brookville Star from W. R. Coons, and in partnership with F. J. Haessler began the publication of this newspaper. This association continued for two years when, February 16, 1907, the anniversary of his marriage, Mr. McMillen purchased the interests of his partner, and since that time has been sole owner of the paper and director of its policy. He now publishes and edits a newspaper which has a splendid circulation and enters the homes of the best families of Brookville and the contiguous territory, furnishing its readers with reliable and trustworthy news and taking a progressive stand upon questions of importance regarding the welfare of the community. The equipment of the Star office is an excellent one for a town of 1,500 population, including two Gordon presses, a Hoe cylinder press and a linotype machine, and a specialty is made of fine job printing. The newspaper, to which Mr. McMillen gives his entire attention, has proved an excellent advertising medium, and is well supported by the professional men and merchants of Brookville and the communities adjacent. Mr. McMillen is a Republican and cast his first presidential vote for James G. Blaine. His only official position has been that of health officer, which he held for a number of years. He is fond of travel and has visited the eastern states on several occasions, and in 1919, with his family, spent part of the winter at Daytona, the famous Florida summer resort. February 16, 1887, Mr. McMillen was united in marriage with Katie Ellen Good, who was born in Van Wert county, January 26, 1867, a daughter of Andrew J. and Susan (Thatcher) Good. She was educated in the public schools and has taken much interest in the work of the Lutheran church and Sunday school. Essentially a domestic woman, her pretty modern home at Brookville is her constant joy and comfort. Andrew J. Good, who survives as a resident of Lima, Ohio, was reared in the faith of the Friends, a society which does not believe in warfare, but this fact did not deter him from taking up arms in defense of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war, in which he fought in numerous battles, including those of Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge. There have been three children in his family: Mrs. McMillen; Emma, who first married James Rogers, by whom she had two children, Floyd and Velma, and after whose death she became the wife of Harry Burr, an engineer; and William, a mechanic of Dayton, who is married and has a daughter, Selma. Mr. and Mrs. McMillen have no children of their own, but in the goodness of their hearts have reared and educated an adopted daughter, Vernal McMillen, who married A. R. Boomershine and has three sons and one daughter: Karl C., who is in fourth grade of the Brookville public schools; Katherine G., who is a student in second grade; Marle A. and Gale.

Harold James McNary. It is seldom that there is found in one individual marked artistic taste and talent associated with finished capability for the handling of important business matters. The artist is not often possessed of the qualities which make for success along commercial lines; and the business man infrequently

possesses the finer sensibilities of the artistic temperament. However, such an unusual combination of qualities is found in the person of Harold James McNary, of Dayton, who has won more than local reputation as a landscape gardener and who likewise, as a member of the firm of Schubert & McNary, has won success and prestige in the difficult field of realty handling. His career has hardly started, for he is still a young man, but he has already accomplished much in the beautification and upbuilding of his native city. Mr. McNary was born at Dayton, July 19, 1894, a son of William R. and Della (Hoyt) McNary, the former a native of Concord, O., and the latter of Lima, this state, and both now residents of Dayton. William R. McNary was employed by the Xenia Star Nursery company, and for some years after coming to Dayton, in 1888, was engaged in the nursery business, but of recent years he has devoted his attention to the real estate field and is one of the city's well known dealers. The public schols of Dayton furnished Harold J. McNary with his education and when he had completed his studies he took up landscape gardening, his talent in this direction having evidently been an inheritance from his father. He had considerable success in his chosen vocation, which he followed for ten years, and numerous important commissions were given him, his work increasing in importance as his reputation grew. Among the larger works of landscape gardening done by him were the grounds of O. J. Bard, A. O. Freehafer, John Stoddard, F. A. Ferneding, Lake Side park, Judge Robert Patterson, Will Kette, the Allen school, the Patterson school, the Van Cleave school, the Miami apartments, Charles Bieser, Aaron Blau, Moses Blau, Sam Blau, Mr. Traxler and J. M. Koontz. While so engaged he became interested in real estate, and January 8, 1917, became a partner of William J. Schubert, in the firm of Schubert & McNary, a business which is now adjudged one of the leaders in its line in the city, with offices at 716-19 Reibold building. Mr. McNary was married July 7, 1917, at Dayton, to Miss Ruth Sanders, daughter of John and Ada (Wilson) Sanders, of this city.

Clement L. McNelly. One of the most beautiful estates lying in one of the fertile sections of the Miami valley is the property of which Clement L. McNelly is the owner, lying in Perry township, Montgomery county, not far from Brookville. Mr. McNelly is one of the highly respected citizens of his community, who is esteemed not alone for what he has accomplished in a material way as an agriculturist, but for his services in regard to faithfully discharging the duties and responsibilities of good citizenship. Mr. McNelly was born November 8, 1861, in Montgomery county, Ohio, the second in order of birth of the one son and three daughters of James M. and Adaline (Weaver) McNelly. The three sisters of Mr. McNelly are : Laura B., educated in the public schools and an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, widow of the late Joseph Brookins, a contractor of Anderson, Ind., where Mrs. Brookins has considerable property, and where her five children live; Susan, educated in the public schools and a member of the Presbyterian church, widow of the late James F. Might, engaged in the steel industry at Charlevoix, Pa., where Mrs. Might resides with

her five children; and Addie, educated in the public schools and a member of the Reformed church, wife of Hartie H. Troutman, chief manager of the Durin Steel works of Dayton, with three children. James M. McNelly was a native of Montgomery county, born in 1836, and died in June, 1916, at the home of his son, Clement. He had a public school education, and during the period of his active career followed the vocation of agriculturist, in which he made a success, due in part to his sturdy Scotch traits of character which descended from natives of the land of the thistle. He was known as a man whose word was sacred, and as safe as a bond, and accumulated seventy acres of good land in Madison township, where he also took an active part in local township affairs and in the activities of the Democratic party. His brothers served as soldiers of the Union during the Civil war, although he was never called into the ranks. He and his wife were laid to rest at Pleasant Hill cemetery, where a beautiful monument stands to mark their graves. Mrs. McNelly was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, in 1837, and died August 25, 1898. She was a loving and affectionate mother, and a faithful and devoted helpmate, and her kind-heartedness and compassion found a fertile field among the sick and needy of the neighborhood, as she never left her door empty-handed. Like her husband she was a faithful member of the Lutheran church, and attended Bethel church near Pleasant Hill. Reared in the atmosphere of honesty, in the home of one of the most highly respected families of Montgomery county, and with a thorough public school education, Clement L. McNelly grew to strong and vigorous manhood. His public education has been supplemented by much reading of good literature, and he is a broadly informed man in regard to worth-while topics and practical movements. He remained on the home farm until his marriage, on December 24, 1885, to Susan Burkett, and to this union there have been born six children: Blanche I., educated in the common schools and a member of the Lutheran church, who resides with her father and keeps house for him, a woman of many accomplishments, and a devoted daughter; Mary E., at home, who was educated in the public schools, and assists her sister in looking after her father's comfort; Nettie C., also at home with her father and sisters, a talented musician, especially as an instrumentalist; Russell W., a product of the public schools, a Democrat in politics, and a progressive agriculturist of the younger generation in Montgomery county; Roscoe C., a graduate of Brookville high school, now in his second year at Wittenberg college, Springfield, Ohio; here he enlisted in the S. A. T. C. and took his training at Camp Wittenberg and received his discharge from Uncle Sam's service December 19, 1918; and James M., in his second year at the Brookville high school. Mr. McNelly has every reason to be proud of his children, who have grown up to splendid young man and womanhood. In 1893, Mr. McNelly purchased the first forty acres of his present estate, in the acquirement of which he was compelled to go into debt. The property was in an undeveloped condition, with old log buildings, but with the aid of his estimable wife he soon paid off his debt in full and began the improvement of his land which has been developed into

a greatly productive and finely improved property of seventy-nine acres. In addition to owning this estate, without a dollar of indebtedness standing against it, he has an excellent account at the bank, and as a citizen who has ever been ready to do his part in any worthy movement, has large holdings in Liberty bonds. Mrs. McNelly was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, September 12, 1865, and died on October 10, 1911. She was a woman of splendid traits of character and sterling characteristics of mind and heart, and her sad death removed from her home a devoted mother and faithful wife, as well as one who had aided her husband immeasurably in the building up of a home and the achievement of prosperity. Her remains are interred in the Pleasant Hill cemetery, where a beautiful and appropriate shaft stands to her memory. Mr. McNelly is a staunch Democrat, and has been since he cast his first presidential vote in favor of the candidacy of Grover Cleveland. He is a faithful and useful friend of the public school system, and has never failed to respond when assistance has been requested in movements making for better facilities for the education of the younger generation. For several years he served as a member of the board of agriculture of Montgomery county. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church, and he worships with Bethel congregation, where he is an elder. As a lad he was a chorister in this church, as well as organist, and later was superintendent of the Sunday school. He has always been a liberal contributor to religious and charitable movements. Mr. McNelly's estate is devoted to the growing of all kinds of grain, as well as tobacco, and all the trees on the property were set out by him. It is one of the beauty spots in a community noted for its attractiveness, and the home is one in which the stranger in Perry township will find a warm and cordial welcome. It bears the accurately descriptive name of "Center View Farm."

Robert C. McReynolds. Of the contracting builders who have contributed much to the past of Dayton, mention is due Robert C. McReynolds. Mr. McReynolds was born at South Bend, Ind., June 7, 1878, a son of Harry C. and Deborah (Peak) McReynolds. His father, a native of Dayton, fought as a soldier of the Union during the Civil war; following which he returned to his native city, and there took up the business of painting and paper hanging. He was still a young man when he went to South Bend, Ind., where he married Deborah Peak, a native of that place, and when their son Robert C. was but one and one-half years of age they returned to Dayton. Here Harry C. McReynolds developed into a contracting painter and paper hanger and built up a good business, of which he was the head until his death, May 22, 1916. He was a man of sterling character, and bore an excellent reputation in business circles of the city. The mother still survives and at present is living on Valley Lake (Ohio) R. F. D. No. 9. The educational training of Robert C. McReynolds was confined to attendance of the public schools at Dayton, and when he was still a lad he entered upon his working career, being for some time carrier of the Dayton Herald, in North Dayton. From newsboy he developed into a worker at the American Straw Board company,

but subsequently learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed until the outbreak of war between the United States and Spain. With other young men of his neighborhood he offered himself as a volunteer, was accepted, and enlisted in the Fifth United States Regulars, with which organization he fought for eight months. When he received his honorable discharge he returned to Dayton and entered the Barney & Smith Car works, where he worked for twelve years, advancing through industry and ability to the position of foreman of the finishing department. In 1911, he embarked in business as a general contractor, and from the first has received encouraging patronage from the city and surrounding community. He has a keen eye for the artistic and practical as is evidenced in the plant of the National Biscuit company, while a good example of his work outside of the city is found in the A. G. Stouder residence at Troy, Ohio. He is also interested in real estate, and one of his specialties is the buying of property upon which to build, with the subsequent selling of same, he having been greatly successful in this direction. On an average, his work is so heavy that it necessitates the constant employment of twelve mechanics. During the past two years Mr. McReynolds has been president of the North Dayton Improvement association. His religious connection is with the Park Presbyterian church, and fraternally he is affiliated with Dayton Lodge of the Masonic fraternity. He also belongs to the Sons of Veterans, the Spanish War Veterans, the United Commercial Travelers' and Builders' Exchange. He is popular with his employees, courteous and considerate toward those who wish to profit by his skill and on friendly and helpful terms with his fellow contractors. Mr. McReynolds was married May 2, 1901, to Esther M. Lewis, of Dayton, and they are the parents of one daughter: Mildred Maisie, who resides with her parents. Mr. McReynolds maintains an office at No. 254 Fourth street arcade.

John P. Naas. Dayton numbers among its successful practitioners of law many men whose entire lives have been passed within the limits of the city and who are essentially products of this progressive age and of the energetic and ambitious city which gave them birth and the opportunity of proving themselves and their abilities. Noticeably is this so in the younger generation of lawyers, many of whom during the past few years have attained reputation and position formerly held only by men a number of years their senior, for the expansion of Dominant Dayton and the growth and development of its numerous great industries have created opportunities that did not exist before. Of the men of this class, few have shown such rapid advancement and none give greater promise of future success than John P. Naas. His career at the bar has been short, but it has been characterized by a display of ability that augurs well for the accomplishment of this young man's ambitions in his chosen calling. John P. Naas was born at Dayton, November 4, 1893, a son of William Naas, who was born in Germany. He received his early education in the graded schools and then entered the Steele high school, many of the graduates of which now occupy positions of prominence in the business and

professional life of Dayton. Yielding to his ambition to follow the law as a profession, he allowed his inherent inclination full sway, and began the study of law in the office of Judge Carroll Sprigg. He applied himself assiduously to his reading and benefited by the wise counsel and advice of his preceptor and was admitted to the bar May 9, 1917. When the term of office of Judge Sprigg expired, July 1, 1917, Mr. Naas formed a partnership with his preceptor, and they have since been associated in a general practice, with offices at No. 401 City National Bank building. While it is still too early in Mr. Naas' career to speak of any great accomplishments or brilliant achievements, it is to be noted, as before stated, that he has displayed the possession of qualifications which should be developed in a way to give him an enviable standing at the bar. He belongs to the Montgomery County Bar association. Already he is interesting himself in those movements to which thoughtful public-spirited men devote a part of their time and has evidenced a desire to do his share in the movements which are building up the community deserving the name of Dominant Dayton. Mr. Naas is unmarried.

Theo. L. Neumann. Instances at this time are not as numerous as in former years of a man remaining with one establishment during a long period of years in which he elevates himself from one of the most humble positions to one of the most important. A generation or more ago this was not an uncommon thing, but modern conditions, with their rush and constant change, have served in some degree to eliminate this order of things, and it is now but seldom that we find a man who has climbed the various rungs of the business ladder all with the same house. Yet that is true in the case of Theo. L. Neumann, vice-president of the Dayton Paper Novelty company, who has passed his entire career with this concern and through general ability and real worth has gained for himself a position of prestige. Mr. Neumann was born in the city of Dayton, July 22, 1872, a son of Alexander Neumann. His father, who had been a soldier of the Union during the Civil war, took up his residence at Dayton following the close of that struggle and entered the business life of the city as the proprietor of a hotel. He was later identified with the shoe business here, and was well and favorably known in business circles, but what had promised to be a decidedly successful career was suddenly terminated by his death in 1877, when in middle life. Theo L. Neumann was but five years of age when his father died, and while the family was in moderately comfortable circumstances, it was imperative that he rapidly equip himself to enter business and assist in his own support. After attending the public schools, he entered Wilt's Commercial college, where he completed a business course, and with this preparation entered the factory of the Dayton Paper Novelty company, in the capacity of shipping clerk. Here his work was thorough, energetic and conscientious, and his promotion to assistant was not long in forthcoming. His next advancement was to the position of traveling salesman, and after he had gained some valuable experience by the connections which he made upon the road, he returned to the factory to assume the post of superintendent.

Later he was made general manager of the firm, and to this office there were subsequently added the duties of vice-president, so that today he holds both titles and bears both responsibilities. Mr. Neumann's career has been one in which there may be found a lesson to aspiring youths who are entering upon their careers without influential friends or independent means. His advancement has come about solely through his own efforts and the exercise of intelligence, determination, initiative and resource. He has taken high position because he has merited it, and will maintain it because of the same reason. Mr. Neumann is a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Dayton club, and at various times during his career has identified himself with civic movements, in which his public spirit and constructive ideas have been valuable and helpful factors.

Rev. Martin P. Neville. During the sixteen years that he has ministered to the spiritual needs of the congregation of the Church of the Holy Angels, "South Park," Dayton, O., Rev. Martin P. Neville has been a forcible factor in developing the spiritual forces of his community to the degree that the surging tide of worldliness has neither extinguished nor smothered the moral and religious life of his parish. In its ambitious endeavor to extend its commercial and industrial prestige, Dayton has presented in its outer life much that favors an estimate of intense materialism. It is due to such men as Father Neville, whose lives are consecrated to the moral and spiritual development of the community, that morality is yet dominant in a city so strongly influenced by the devotees of Mammon. Rev. Martin P. Neville, founder and first pastor of the Church of the Holy Angels, was born at Cincinnati, O., July 29, 1863, his parents being well-known members of St. Peter Cathedral parish of that city. He attended the Cincinnati schools, following which he was a student and graduate of the high school, and furthered his preparation by attendance at Mount St. Mary seminary and St. Xavier college, from which he graduated with degrees. His theological studies and training for the ministry prosecuted at St. Mary's seminary, at Baltimore, Md., in charge of the Sulpicien fathers, and he then entered actively upon his ministerial labors with enthusiasm and fervor. Father Neville was ordained to the sacred priesthood by Archbishop Elder at the Cathedral, Cincinnati, O., December 18, 1886, in the same church edifice in which his parents were married, and in which the young priest in his infancy was baptized, and in his youth received his first holy Communion and Confirmation. After a few years as assistant pastor in Cincinnati, he was appointed pastor of St. Mary's church, Oxford, O., where his zealous priestly labors were highly appreciated by the Catholic and non-Catholic people of that pretty college town. In 1890 he became Chaplain and spiritual director to the Sisters of Notre Dame academy, and this post he filled for nearly fourtten years, or until the progress of Holy Angels parish, located in the Oakwood district of Dayton, known as South Park, demanded his entire attention. This parish was founded in September, 1902, and Father Neville was chosen by Archbishop Elder as first pastor and has continued in that capacity ever since. The

church, first known as South Park Catholic church, was finished Columbus Day, October 12, 1902, at which time it was dedicated and given the name of Holy Angels church. As the congregation grew in this beautiful suburban district, it became necessary for a larger edifice to be secured, and a new location was accordingly purchased at S. Brown and L streets, where the old church was removed and enlarged, making its seating capacity 400. The new property proved inadequate to the needs of the church, and October 17, 1907, and again January 12, 1910, more ground was purchased, so that the church now owns 225 feet on Brown street and 300 feet on L street. Father Neville is pushing forward his plans for a new edifice to supplant the now present modest building, the building fund is on the increase every month, due to the hearty and generous response of the devoted parishioners. The parish school, located on L street, a structure costing $35,000, was opened to the pupils St. Martin's Day, November 12, 1906. Father Neville's kindly nature and cordial manners have made him greatly beloved in the home circle, and his sympathy with others, manifesting itself in unobtrusive labors for their happiness, has given him a strong hold on the affections of the society in which he moves. Not only is he distinguished as a preacher, but possesses more than ordinary literary talent, and is a practical man of affairs in managing the material things of his parish. In his capacity as a pastor he is logical in his presentation of the truth, impressive in his manner and endowed with no little power of pulpit eloquence. He has been responsive to all the movements for reform, in which his age has been prolific, and has engaged with the zeal of an ancient crusader in the battle for purity of life and uprightness of conduct. In addition, Father Neville is possessed of fervent piety, vigorous intellectual power, and extraordinary tact and sagacity in affairs.

Adolph Newsalt. With the exception of a short time spent in Springfield, the business career of Adolph Newsalt at Dayton has covered a period of a half a century. During this fifty years he has gradually developed from a workman at the bench, and the ownership of a modest but ambitious store, to the proud position of proprietor of one of the leading jewelry houses of Dayton. His career has been one typical of self-made manhood and is worthy of emulation by those who are seeking advancement in position and fortune. Mr. Newsalt was born December 25, 1853, in Prussia, and came to the United States with his widowed mother when he was nine years old. His education was secured in the public schools of New York City, and later the family went to La Crosse, Wis., where Mr. Newsalt entered upon a four-year apprenticeship to the jeweler's trade. In 1869 he came to Dayton to join his mother, who had moved here in 1865, and secured employment in the jewelry business with Henry Cline. Later Mr. Newsalt went for a short time to Springfield, Ohio, and found employment with A. Aron, in a jewelry house, and on his return to Dayton opened a little store of his own, located on Fifth street. So unassuming was this little enterprise, that for two years Mr. Newsalt was in need of no assistant, but at the end of that period he found it advisable to employ one. From that time on the business grew and developed

steadily until it became one of the foremost in its line to be found in Dayton. Mr. Newsalt is justly accounted one of the leading jewelers of Ohio, and a capable, thoroughly reliable man of affairs. His long and active career has been a highly honorable one, and in it he has made many pleasing and profitable connections of a business and social character. His citizenship has always been of the highest and with other public-spirited men he has assisted in forwarding constructive and progressive movements for the city's benefit. Mr. Newsalt was married November 10, 1870, to Sarah Wise, of Dayton, formerly of Paducah, Ky., and to this union there has been born one son: T. A., who was educated at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and is now associated with his father in the conduct of the Dayton jewelry business.

Marion W. Nichols. All the entirely reliable business houses of so large a city as Dayton cannot, perhaps, be accurately numbered, but one that stands at the head of the list both as to age and solidity, is the William Hall Electric company, which has been a factor in the city's commercial life for thirty-five years. Since its incorporation in 1905 there has been no change in its official personnel and since that time its able secretary has been Marion W. Nichols, a well-known business man of this, his native city. Mr. Nichols was born February 25, 1878, and is a son of Joseph W. Nichols. He attended the public schools throughout boyhood and then, with the usual American youth's ambition, was ready to become self-supporting. He soon secured a position with the house of Elder & Johnson, in this city, where he continued eighteen months, and subsequently spent sixteen months with the National Cash Register company, following which, until 1903 he was connected with the Brownell company. In the above year he entered the employ of William Hall and in 1905 he became secretary of the William Hall Electric company, a business that has been developed into one of magnitude. June 21, 1905, Mr. Nichols was married to Mary Adda Merchant, who is a daughter of C. B. Merchant, of Marion, O. They have one daughter, Mary Frances. Mr. Nichols has never been unduly active politically but his citizenship is sound. He is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, belonging to Dayton Lodge, No. 147, and is a member of the Kewanis and Dayton clubs.

Fred C. Nickol. The importance of Dayton as a manufacturing center has long been recognized and manufacturing enterprises of various kinds are being constantly added to the city's industries by experienced and far-seeing business men. A substantial concern of this kind may be noted in the City Machine & Tool works, established here in 1914 by Fred C. Nickol, who later admitted a partner and is now general manager. Mr. Nickol came to Dayton in 1902, after thorough technical training in his line of work and much experience both in this and many other countries. He was born in Hessen Nassau, Germany, January 25, 1879. His parents were Jacob and Elizabeth (Pfeil) Nickol. He attended the public schools and the mechanical college at Mitweida, from which he secured his degree of mechanical engineer, after which he traveled, following his profession, through Russia, Austria, France, Italy, and

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for eight months worked at his profession in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. He then decided to come to this country, but before doing so he returned to his native land to visit his parents and relatives, but instead of being able to do this he found himself in soldier's uniform not more than twenty-four hours after his landing, compelled to serve his time in a cavalry regiment in the German army. In 1901 he came to the United States and spent his first eight months on American soil at St. Marys, Ohio, and during the remainder of the year was working for the East Iron and Machine company at Lima, Ohio. In 1902 he came to Dayton and this city has been his preferred home ever since, and he has been connected with a number of the machine companies that stand at the head of the business in Ohio, working a year each for the Platt Iron works, the J. F. Nutting Machine company, the Recording and Computing Machine company, the Engineering Register company and the National Cash Register company. In 1909 he returned to the Engineering Register company, taking charge of tool room and invention department. In 1912 he accepted the position of superintendent of the Peerless Motor Manufacturing company and continued as such for eight months, when he purchased a one-third interest in the North Dayton Machine & Tool works. Nine months later he sold this interest and then embarked in business for himself, in 1914 establishing the City Machine & Tool works, where he could have full play for the exercise of his trained mechanical skill. Under his able management the business is in a very prosperous condition. He was married December 7, 1904, to Miss Catherine Sammet, who is a daughter of Michael Sammet, an old resident of Montgomery county, Ohio. Fraternally he is a Thirty-second degree Mason, also a member of the Elks.

William V. Nicum. The modern optometrist shares in the progress of the age, for science has reached a degree bordering upon perfection in matters pertaining to his art. Were it not that the men of the twentieth century are developing new troubles by reason of their complicated activities, doubtless the scientists could eliminate all optical irregularities. As it is miracles are being daily performed and methods approved that seem beyond the comprehension of the layman, however much he may benefit from their application to his individual case. One of the men who has attained to a high position among his contemporaries in the art of optometry, not only at Dayton, but in the societies with which he is connected, is Dr. William V. Nicum. He was born in Preble county, Ohio, January 19, 1864, a son of Philip Nicum. His father, who was a mason contractor, and an honorable and industrious man, came to Dayton about 1881, and here followed his business industriously until the time of his retirement in old age, he being eighty-one years old at the time of his death. William V. Nicum was educated in the public schools of Montgomery county, the Brookville High school and the Normal school at New Paris, Ohio. He early displayed a predilection for the profession which he has made his life work, and in order to prepare himself therefor attended the Philadelphia Optical college, from which he was duly graduated in 1909 with the degree of Optometrist, following which he took special post-graduate

work at the Ohio State university under Prof. Charles Sheard. He began practice at Cleveland, but in 1912 came to Dayton, where he has since had offices in the Mutual Home building, corner of Main and Second streets. He has a large practice and has built up an excellent following, being counted one of the leading men in his line in the city. Not only that, but his unusual talents and gifts have been appreciated by his fellow practitioners, and at the present time he is serving as secretary of the American Optometric association and is a former president of the Ohio State Optical association. He is a member also of the Miami Valley Optometric association, and continues to be a close and careful student, having recently taken special post-graduate work in the scientific section of the American Optometric association. He has appeared before the members of the profession in many states as a lecturer on optometry as well as on popular subjects. He belongs to the Blue Lodge, Council and Chapter of Masonry, is a Pythian, also to the Knights of Khorassen, and is a member of the Triangle club. He is not bound by his professional knowledge, but is able to take a broad, humanitarian view of life and join with others in working towards effecting improvements that will raise the average man and woman and develop the best quality of citizenship. Doctor Nicum was married first to Ada Smith, and they had one daughter, Eva E, who married Joseph Schneider, and they have one son, Kenneth; and on August 27, 1901, he married Miss Estella Brannan, daughter of Hugh Brannan, of Eaton, Ohio, and to this union there has been born one daughter, Mae Eleanor, who resides with her parents.

John T. Nielson. While numerous important business connections have marked the career of John T. Nielson, it is probably as an active and constructive factor in civic and national affairs that he is best known to the people of Dayton. He came to this city December 1, 1917, bringing with him a splendid reputation for efficient work in the governing of affairs affecting the public and the general welfare, and as secretary of the Greater Dayton association and in other capacities has confirmed the opinion of his former contemporaries. Mr. Nielson is a Philadelphian by nativity, born June 18, 1861, a son of John T. and Frances A. (Wilkinson) Nielson. His father, who was identified with a wholesale boot and shoe company at Cincinnati, passed his last years in that city, as did also the mother. The younger John T. Nielson secured his education in the public schools of Cincinnati, where his first business connection was with the John Shillito company. Later he entered the life insurance field with the Penn Mutual Life Insurance company, in the employ of which he made rapid advancement until placed in charge of the Cincinnati office of that concern. Later he was identified with the McNeale & Urban Safe company, of the same city, but subsequently went to Piqua, Ohio, where he assisted in the organization of the Ohio Marble company, of which he became secretary. Mr. Nielson's next association was with the Pioneer Pole and Shaft company, of Piqua, and became auditor of the company, and later became secretary and treasurer of the large printing and binding firm of Magee Brothers company. He still retains his connection with this concern, being a member of the board of directors. December

1, 1917, Mr. Nielson was called to Dayton by the business men and public spirited citizens of this city to assume the difficult duties and responsibilities attached to the office of secretary of the Greater Dayton association. He had formerly had some valuable experience in this direction, having been president of the Chamber of Commerce of Piqua and secretary of the Rotary club of that city. During his incumbency of office he has been indefatigable in assisting to make this a strong and efficient organization, and largely through his efforts the leading men of the city from all professions and vocations are welded into a solidified whole, the object of which is the advancement of Dayton in a business and civic way, the building up of its institutions, industries and enterprises, and the elevating of ideals of citizenship. During the war period Mr. Nielson was one of the most active of Dayton's citizens in the handling of various matters pertaining to the welfare of the government. He was secretary of the War Chest executive committee, secretary of the Montgomery County Food commission, a member of the advisory council of the War Camp Community service, chairman of the committee on Reclamation of Waste, chairman of the Four-Minute Men, and chairman of the Dayton division of the war resources and conversion section of the War Industries board. Mr. Nielson is a member of the Dayton and Dayton Bicycle clubs and is widely and favorably known in club and social circles. He was married November 25, 1887, to Miss Ada May Moore, daughter of James M. and Hannah (Metcalf) Moore, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Nigol G. Nigolian. The largest stock of Persian and Chinese rugs to be found in the state of Ohio is located in the rug section of the department store of Elder & Johnston, at Dayton. This department is owned by Nigol G. Nigolian, an Americanized Armenian, who possesses the native ability peculiar to those of the land of his birth, supplemented by the polish and experience secured by extensive travel and the businesslike qualities of the people of the country of his adoption. Mr. Nigolian was born in Armenia, Turkey, January 28, 1881, a son of Garabet and Anoug (Melerian) Nigolian, natives of the same country and now residents of Troy, N. Y., where the father was formerly an exporter but is now living in well-earned retirement. Nigol G. Nigolian was educated in his native land, and from early youth was thoroughly instructed in the oriental rug business, one of the chief industries of those of his race. Like many others of his persecuted people he saw only a life of hardship and menace before him, and in 1902, when he was twenty-one years of age, emigrated to the United States and became a resident of Utica, N. Y., where he had no trouble in securing employment as representative for an oriental rug concern. In 1909 he located at Columbus, Ohio, where he remained five years in the same line of business, and May 25, 1914, took up his residence at Dayton, securing a position with Elder & Johnston, where he is now owner of the oriental rug department. For the greater part he handles Persian and Chinese rugs, and of these has the finest grade and the largest stock in the state of Ohio, and one which will compare favorably with any to be found in the country. He is courteous and affable, albeit businesslike and energetic, and has built up an excellent patronage

among the best people in the city. He has thoroughly adopted America as his home, and is an excellent illustration of the best type of transplanted foreigner who has adopted American customs and manners along with its citizenship. Mr. Nigolian is a member of the Masonic Lodge and Grotto and belongs to Second Church of Christ, Scientist, of this city.

Daniel R. Niswonger. Prominent among the big business concerns of Dayton which have been in existence for forty years and which have become considered as necessary commercial adjuncts is the concern known as the Excelsior Laundry. This business, founded in 1880, is one of the leaders in its line in the city and has been largely built up through the enterprise and energy of its vice-president, Daniel R. Niswonger, a man of marked capacity who is widely and favorably known in commercial circles of the Gem city. Mr. Niswonger was born in Preble county, Ohio, November 17, 1869, a son of Horace and Amanda (Surface) Niswonger, natives of Preble county, Ohio, who came to Dayton about the year 1891 and embarked in the laundry business. The parents, who are both deceased, were highly respected members of their adopted city, where they had numerous friends. Daniel R. Niswonger received his education in the public schools of the country district of West Sonora, and began his career in the manufacturing business conducted by his brother, E. E. Niswonger, at Dayton. When he left his employ he embarked in a venture of his own, being engaged in the manufacture of formula, but eventually disposed of his interests in that enterprise to become connected with the laundry business. The Excelsior laundry was established about 1880 by William Hoskott, whose place of business was located in a small plant on the corner of Second and Jefferson streets. Following Mr. Hoskott's ownership the business changed hands several times until it came into the possession of Lease & Billman, this partnership changing the location of the plant to Fourth street. Walter Surface became the next owner of the business, and he was succeeded by the firm of Surface & Niswonger, the junior member of the firm being Horace Niswonger, the father of Daniel R. The business was moved to North Main street and in 1895 was incorporated for $50,000, with H. W. Surface as president and secretary; R. Ayers, director, and Horace Niswonger, vice-president and treasurer. In 1898 a change in officials was made necessary by the retirement of Mr. Surface, and Horace Niswonger became president; E. E. Niswonger, vice-president, and William Brenneman, secretary and treasurer. In 1904 there occurred another election of officers, E. E. Niswonger assuming the presidency, D. R. Niswonger entering the business as vice-president, and E. Brenneman taking up the duties of secretary and treasurer. The first two officials still retain their respective positions, but W. Whipp is now secretary and treasurer and the business is incorporated for $100,000. The present plant, a spacious, modern, sanitary building, with 30,000 square feet of floor space, located on Sixth street, opposite Logan, was erected in 1914 and is fully equipped with the latest and most highly improved machinery known to the laundry business. The company operates thirteen routes and employs 100 people, and has come rapidly to the

front in securing the best kind of business to be acquired in the city. It is operated as a general laundry, and the high class of its work, its promptness in delivery and the general satisfaction which it assures has gained the confidence and good will of its large patronage. Mr. Niswonger and his brother, E. E. Niswonger, are energetic and enterprising men of business who thoroughly understand all the details of the line of endeavor in which they are engaged, and their advice and co-operation are highly valued by their associates Mr. Niswonger has various other business connections, in addition to which he is identified with several civic and social bodies, and his wide acquaintance includes some of the leading business men of the city. He has contributed through his support to the success of a number of movements which have been beneficial to the city's interests. Mr. Niswonger was married August 30, 1899, to Mary L., daughter of James E. Powers, of Dayton, and they have had one daughter, Eleanore, now deceased.

Elmer E. Niswonger. Since his arrival in Dayton as a young man in 1881, Elmer E. Niswonger has been identified with several of the leading business enterprises of this city, and has gradually forged his way to a position among the substantial manufacturers of the city through initiative, perseverance and the exercise of natural resource. At this time he is president of the Electro-Chemical company, a concern founded by him, which has been developed to sizable proportions under his capable direction and leadership. Mr. Niswonger was born in Preble county, Ohio, December 19, 1861, a son of Horace and Amanda (Surface) Niswonger, natives of the same county. Mr. Niswonger the elder was for some years engaged in the grain business at West Sonora, Ohio, but later came to Dayton, where he engaged in the laundry business, an enterprise with which he was connected until his death. Mrs. Niswonger, who is also deceased, was, like her husband, very highly esteemed among a wide circle of friends at Dayton, and in her death left many to sincerely mourn her. The country schools of Preble county furnished Elmer E. Niswonger with his educational training, and when he started his career it was in association with his father in the grain business at West Sonora. He was but twenty years of age when he made his appearance at Dayton, where he entered the employ of John Dodds as a stenographer. During the ten years he remained with Mr. Dodds he gained much experience and mastered many of the principles of business, and eventually secured an excellent position with the National Cash Register company, where subsequent promotions carried him into the position of secretary. In 1901 he resigned his position to embark in a business venture of his own, embarking in the laundry industry as vice-president of the concern operating the Excelsior laundry, of which he became president in 1904. He still occupies this position. In 1906 Mr. Niswonger founded the Electro Chemical company for the manufacture of electrolytic cells, establishing his plant on West Second street. Subsequently he moved to larger and better equipped quarters on Fourth street, between Jefferson and St. Clair, and incorporated the business for $25,000, with himself as president, Daniel R. Niswonger, his brother, as vice-president, and C. B. Ozias, as secretary and

treasurer. In 1911 the great increase in business made it necessary that he secure a more commodious location and he moved to his present plant at No. 111 W. Court street, the business being incorporated for $55,000 and the officers being: E. E. Niswonger, president; D. R. Niswonger, vice-president; and S. G. Sheller, secretary and treasurer. Since then H. P. Williamson has succeeded Mr. Sheller as secretary and treasurer, but the other officers remain the same, as does the capital. Five people are employed in the manufacture of these cells, which create a bleaching liquor by running an electric current through salt water. This liquor is used for bleaching cotton goods, paper pulp and disinfectant, and the product of the company is in wide demand, agencies having been established throughout the United States and Canada, and in foreign countries. The company bears an excellent reputation in business circles, and Mr. Niswonger's personal standing is that of an alert and progressive man of affairs, alive to opportunities and careful in his adherence to a high code of business principles. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, of the Dayton and Rotary clubs, and of Dayton Lodge of the Masonic fraternity. April 11, 1888, he was united in marriage with Gertrude, daughter of Michael Burtch, a well-known resident of Darke county, Ohio.

Milo E. Niswonger, D. D. S. The numerous friends of Milo E. Niswonger, a rising young dental practitioner of Dayton, are safe in their predictions of success for him in his chosen field of work. Energy, perseverance in whatever he undertakes, and a real devotion to his calling have already contributed to his success and he has attracted to himself a large and representative clientele. Doctor Niswonger was born at Brookville, Ohio, January 10, 1892, and received his early education in the public schools of Harrison township. His professional studies were prosecuted in the dental department of the Ohio State university, from which he was graduated with the class of 1914, receiving the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, and immediately began practice at Dayton, where he has well-appointed and thoroughly equipped offices in the Medical building. It has been his laudable ambition to keep fully abreast of the times in all modern discoveries in the treatment of diseases of the teeth, and to be progressive in his methods, being a close student of his calling and an attentive member of the Miami Valley Dental society and the Ohio State Dental association. He served in the Dental Corps, U. S. Army, during the world war. He belongs also to the Psi Omega fraternity and to the Masonic order. November 15, 1917, Doctor Niswonger was united in marriage to Irma, daughter of G. U. Kopf, of Harrison township, Montgomery county.

Harry F. Nolan. Among the older members of the bar is Harry F. Nolan, who was admitted to practice May 4, 1886. Mr. Nolan was born at Dayton, Ohio, June 22, 1864, and bears a name that has long stood for eminence and prestige in the profession of law. His father was the late Col. M. P. Nolan, who was born in Dublin, Ireland, June 28, 1823, and was brought to the United States at an early age, the family settling in Lancaster county, Pa. In 1837 they came to Dayton, and here the youth finished a very limited public school education. He was set to the trade of carriage mak-

ing, but his ambitions were in other directions, and although he mastered his trade and worked at it for a number of years, he continued to do all in his power to educate himself. He was married December 30, 1847, to Anna Schenck Clark, of Miamisburg, Ohio, who proved a faithful helpmate, encouraging him in his studies and supporting him in his ambitions. He worked at carriage making by the day, and then hurried home, where he would frequently study far into the night from borrowed law books. His perseverance and courage were finally rewarded when, in 1851, he was admitted to the bar, and he at once began the practice of his profession, in which he had a long and distinguished career. When the Civil war came on it found him a strong northern sympathizer, and in April, 1861, he raised Company G of the 11th regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, of which he was made captain. Subsequently he was promoted to lieutenant-colonel of the 50th regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and finally colonel of the 109th Ohio infantry. When the war was over he returned, and for several years served as United States commissioner at Dayton, then resuming his large and important law practice. He died November 30, 1891, greatly respected and esteemed. Colonel Nolan was a public-spirited and helpful citizen, a popular comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic and a Free Mason. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, the following now living: Mary E.; Sallie E., who married Samuel M. Kehoe; Dr. Charles N., a physician of Nashville, Ind.; Louise B. and Harry F. Harry F. Nolan attended the public schools of Dayton, and early evidenced the fact that he had inherited his father's inclination for the law. He studied for his profession under the elder man and was admitted to the bar in 1886, following which he embarked in practice. In 1890 he was elected city solicitor of Dayton, acting in that capacity until 1892, when he returned to private practice and continued to be engaged therein until 1916. At that time he was made first assistant prosecuting attorney of Montgomery county, to the duties of which he devotes a part of his time, although he still takes care of the interests of his large general clientele and maintains his offices in the Reibold building. Mr. Nolan has risen by unassuming and obvious merit to an acknowledged position in his calling, and by his erudition, self-command, power of reasoning, is regarded a dangerous opponent and a valuable associate. He is a member of the Montgomery County Bar association, the Ohio Bar association and the Lawyers' club, and is a Knight Templar Mason and a Shriner, and past exalted ruler of the Elks. He was married July 8, 1913, at Dayton, to Mrs. Emma Cocup, of this city.

George F. Noland. Prominent among the contractors who have contributed so materially to the upbuilding of Dayton during past years, and who because of their abilities and excellent equipment are counted upon to still further advance its interests in the future, one who has had much experience and has enjoyed marked success since his arrival at Dayton, in 1911, is George F. Noland, of the Industrial Building company. Mr. Noland was born at Chilo, Ohio, June 1, 1877, and when a child was taken to Cincinnati, where he attended the public schools. His earliest business connection was with a

contracting firm, that of L. P. Hazen & Co., of Cincinnati, and from that time to the present his chief business interest has continued to be centered in some form of contracting. Mr. Noland remained with the Hazen concern for a period of eleven years, and then became secretary of the Concrete Steel company, of Cincinnati. Upon leaving that company he came to Dayton, January 1, 1911, and here started the Structural Concrete company, with which his name and abilities were connected until October 1, 1916, and later, in company with A. Vane Lester, he founded the Industrial Building company, to do a general contracting business, the offices of the concern being located at Nos. 757-758 Reibold building. The firm has been successful in building up a large business, and the workmanship of its working force has been of a nature to merit appreciation and commendation. Mr. Noland is possessed of an enthusiasm that gives him the ability to master each problem that comes to his notice in an expeditious and thorough manner, and his keen eye for the artistic and practical impel him to seek its broadest and most interesting manifestations. Popular with his employees and courteous and considerate toward those who wish to profit by his skill, he is also on friendly and helpful terms with his fellow contractors, who recognize in him a worthy and honorable competitor. Mr. Noland is a member of the Order of Elks and of the Bicycle club of Dayton, and has several connections with civic bodies. He was married October 3, 1906, to Echo Cole, of Cincinnati.

Harvey Oliver Norris, secretary and treasurer of the North Dayton Tool and Machine company, of Dayton, is one of the alert and virile young business men of the city, and a booster for Greater Dayton. He was born at Yellow Springs, Ohio, September 4, 1882, a son of Joseph M. Norris, a decorator of Dayton, who came to the city when he was twenty-one years old and made it the scene of his operations ever since. Harvey O. Norris attended the public schools of Dayton, and his first business experience was obtained with the Seybold Machine company as an apprentice. When he had served his three years' apprenticeship he went with the Computing Scale company for two years, and then was successively with the Safety Pin Ticket company for one year, the Edgemont Machine company for six months, the National Automatic Tool company for two and one-half years, the Recording and Computing Machine company for two years, the F. J. Nutting Machine company for three years, the J. Baum Safe and Lock company of Cincinnati, Ohio, of which he was foreman, for six months; the Garrison Machine company for three months, the National Automatic Machine and Tool company for two years, and then he assisted in organizing the North Dayton Machine and Tool company. Mr. Norris is a member of Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, of Dayton. He took the Scottish Rite in Masonry in Dayton, and belongs to the Grotto, Shrine and Knight Templars. Mr. Norris belongs to the Junior Order of American Mechanics, and is on the advisory board of Boy Scouts. January 9, 1904, Mr. Norris was married to Ethel Isabelle, daughter of Fletcher B. and Sarah E. (Brooks) Tucker, of Dayton. Mr. and Mrs. Norris have one son, Herschel P., who is at home. The North Dayton Machine and Tool company was established in 1902 by H. O. Norris,

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A. W. Sensel and L. A. Oweger as a partnership, with location at 66 Baltimore street. In 1912 L. A. Oweger sold his interest, and F. C. Nichols was admitted to the partnership, and a change in the location of the plant was made to the present one at 126 North Valley street. F. C. Nichols was succeeded in 1913 by C. Camerer, and the business was incorporated for $5,100.00, with A. W. Sensel as president, C. Camerer as vice-president, and H. O. Norris as secretary and treasurer. In January, 1917, C. A. Lange bought part interest of C. Camerer, and is now vice-president. The object of the company is to produce first class tools, dies, fixtures and special machinery. All during the war the company had a 100 per cent production of tools, dies and special machinery. Employment is accorded twenty-five persons. The plant is thoroughly equipped with modern machinery and appliances, and no measure is neglected that will aid in adding to the efficiency of the workmen or the perfection of the product, and the stamp of this company on goods is recognized as synonymous with excellence in quality.

Gates C. Oblinger, Jr. Engrossed in the business avocation which brings him his daily sustenance, the common, every day man is largely representative of the nation's citizenship. His is the normal type, and his life begins and ends with little that is distinctive or noteworthy. The type that commands attention is that which is unusual, and it is this latter which exerts an influence on a community. In the professions, and especially in the law, the opportunities for usefulness and personal advancement depend almost entirely upon this unusually gifted individual, and here natural endowment is as essential as is thorough preparation. The bar of Dayton is a representative body of the Miami valley, and among its full quota of brilliant men is found Gates C. Oblinger, jr. Mr. Oblinger has carried on his practice here for about twelve years, and during this time has displayed unusual gifts which have served to make an impression upon the community and to give him prestige personally in his chosen calling. He has passed his entire life at Dayton, having been born here December 25, 1882, a son of Gates C. and Mary (Stake) Oberlinger. being on the maternal side grandson of Louis Stake and on the paternal side grandson of William Oblinger and great grandson of Christian Oblinger. His education was procured in the graded schools and the Steele High school, following which he enrolled as a student at the Ohio State university, where he pursued a full course in law and was graduated in the class of 1906 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the bar in the same year, he began practice alone in the office of Judge Baggott, where he has since centered his activities. Mr. Oblinger has won success through his intellectual qualifications, his logical understanding, his keenness of perception, his scientific acquaintance with jurisprudence, his tenacity of purpose and his unrivaled power of application. He has given a faithful account of his stewardship in every case which he has undertaken, and his fidelity to his clients' interests is a matter of general comment among his fellow practitioners. His business is general in its character, for he is equally well versed in the various departments of his profession and his work carries him into all the courts. While the greater

part of his attention is devoted to his profession, Mr. Oblinger finds time to devote to his city's welfare in the support of beneficial movements. His social activities are confined to membership in several of Dayton's clubs, and he is fraternally affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was married July 24, 1912, to Florence Sackett. They have one child: Gates Sackett, aged four years.

Grant Odell has been able to add definitely to the cultural prestige of his native city through his service as a teacher of vocal music. His personal cultivation and talent have stood the highest tests, and he has won reputation as a voice placer of exceptional ability, as well as an instructor capable of bringing the work of his students to the maximum of interpretative excellence. In the city of Dayton Mr. Odell has his attractive studio in suite G of the Bimm building, and his supporting patronage has been at all times of representative order, marking popular appreciation of his talent and earnest and effective work in his profession. Mr. Odell was born at Dayton, March 22, 1864, and is a son of Thomas W. and Caroline (Christman) Odell, the former a native of the Dominion of Canada and the latter of Germantown, Ohio, both being now deceased. Thomas W. Odell was numbered among the prominent business men and honored citizens of Dayton, where for many years he was engaged in the manufacturing of blank books—originally in a building at the corner of Third and Main streets and later in eligible quarters on East Third street. To the public schools of Dayton Grant Odell is indebted for his early educational discipline, and here he was favored in being permitted as a youth to develop his admirable musical genius. He initiated his musical studies under the direction of Harry Turpin, and later he continued his studies in New York City, under such celebrated instructors as Agramonte, Belari, A. D. Woodruff and George Sweet. In the national metropolis he achieved no insignificant prestige as a vocalist, his work having included that of the concert and operatic stages, as well as service as a voice teacher. He finally established his residence in the city of Baltimore, Md., where he was engaged in teaching and other musical work for three years. At the expiration of this period, in 1910, he returned to Dayton, where he has since been successfully established in the work of his profession, as one of the representative voice culturists of his native state. He is an effective exponent of the unrivaled Italian school of vocalism, which he represents at its best, both in his personal interpretation and his work as an instructor. He is a leader in the musical activities of Dayton and a popular factor in the representative social life of the city. Mr. Odell is a member of the Rotary club of Dayton.

John F. Ohmer. If the ordinary individual pauses a minute to give close attention to even the commonest of the utilitarian devices which he handles or continually makes use of he finds these articles so completely fitted for the purposes intended that he may well be amazed, especially if he possesses no inventive talent himself. If this is so with the commonest of articles, it is trebly so with such a complicated invention as a car register. To John F. Ohmer, president and general manager of the Ohmer Fare Register company, of

Dayton, belongs the credit for inventing and perfecting what is now known the world over as the standard car register. Mr. Ohmer belongs to a well-known business family of Dayton, and was born in this city November 7, 1856, being the eldest son of Michael and Rose M. Ohmer. His father, a native of France, was brought to the United States in boyhood and for several years worked in a cotton factory, and in 1849 founded what later became the firm of M. Ohmer's Sons company, located at Second and Main streets, on the present site of Rike's store. About 1855 he moved across the street, and about 1860 he made another removal to 126-128 N. Main street, with his factory located on East First street, where he continued in business until his retirement in 1878. There were the following children in the family of Michael and Rose M. Ohmer: Carrie, the widow of Henry Barlow, of Dayton; John F., of this review; Edward G., deceased; Will I.; Alfred A.; Minnie, the wife of Edward B. Grimes, of Dayton, and Eugene A. and Rose M., of Dayton. John F. Ohmer attended the public schools and St. Mary's college, and in 1870 left school to take a position with his father in the furniture business, which he bought outright at the time of his father's retirement in 1878, and his brothers were than admitted to the firm, the firm subsequently being known as M. Ohmer's Sons. A few years later the firm was incorporated under the name of The M. Ohmer's Sons company, and John F. Ohmer was elected its first president and has served continuously in that capacity to date. The M. Ohmer's Sons company built the fireproof building located at the corner of Main and Fifth streets, where a retail business was conducted for a number of years. Mr. Ohmer, with Mr. Edward Canby, built the Ohmer-Canby building next to The M. Ohmer's Sons company building, at the corner of Main and Fifth streets, and his father also erected a three-story pressed brick building on the north side of Fifth street, between Main and Ludlow streets. In 1881 Mr. Ohmer opened up and operated on his own account as a side line the dining stations and restaurants on the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba railroad, now a part of the Great Northern system, in Minnesota and Dakota. This business was conducted successfully until 1888, at which time the entire restaurant business was sold. Having inherited inventive genius from his father, Mr. Ohmer made application and received a patent in 1874 on a furniture caster. Since that time he has taken out approximately one hundred United States patents and many foreign patents largely on registering and recording devices particularly adapted for use by transportation companies. In November, 1898, Mr. Ohmer organized the Ohmer Fare Register company, and this company began the manufacture of his patented inventions with a capital of $100,000, his associates in this venture being Hon. Frederick Cook, Frederick P. Allen, Eugene Satterlee, John H. Stedman and William B. Farnham, of Rochester, N. Y. The company was reorganized August 1, 1902, under the name of Ohmer Fare Register company, with a capital of $1,500,000, the incorporators and officers being the same. Both companies were organized for the purpose of manufacturing fare registers and fixtures pertaining thereto for use in street and interurban railway cars and in other public conveyances. John F.

Ohmer, president and general manager, is the inventor of the original registers for indicating, recording and printing separately different denominations of fares collected in various types of railway cars. He is credited with having had more patents granted to him in the United States and foreign countries than to any other resident of Dayton. Besides being the patentee of his own inventions, which are numerous, he has been the executive head of the corporations bearing the family name since the initial organization. His early patents were generic in character, for he was the first one to produce a multiple fare recording, indicating and printing register. From a modest beginning the Ohmer Fare Register company has become the largest plant in the world for the manufacture of car registers and similar devices, and its product is in constant demand in every state in the Union, as well as in some foreign countries.

Mr. Ohmer was married in 1886 to Anna K. Beckman, of Cleveland, and four sons and three daughters are the fruits of that marriage. Mr. Ohmer believes in children and believes also in placing confidence in them in order to secure their confidence, and has made it a habit to be companionable with his children and make them feel that they are on an equality with the parent. All of the sons are engaged with the father in conducting the business of the Ohmer Fare Register company, each having charge of an important department of the business. Mr. Ohmer has been a member of the Dayton City and Dayton Country clubs since their organization; he is a member of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, the United States Chamber of Commerce, and is a member and trustee of the Dayton Rotary club. He has been a lifelong member of the Catholic church. He was on the original board of trustees to organize the congregation and build Sacred Heart church. Mr. Ohmer has traveled quite extensively throughout the North American continents, and has made seven trips to Great Britain and the continent of Europe. A few years after his marriage Mr. Ohmer built a handsome residence on West First street, where he and his family have since lived.

Will I. Ohmer. In the direction of large business enterprises men of force of character as well as of thorough technical knowledge are sought to assume official leadership. An example may be cited by referring to a representative business man in the field of manufacturing at Dayton, W. I. Ohmer, who for twenty-two years has been president of concerns of magnitude here that have been largely developed and strengthened by his knowledge and business sagacity. Mr. Ohmer was born in the city of Dayton, April 26, 1860, a son of Michael and Rosena (Welde) Ohmer, the latter of whom was born in Maryland and is a present resident of Dayton. The late Michael Ohmer was born in France in 1826. After coming to the United States he located near Dayton, Ohio. A cabinet maker by trade, he successfully engaged in business in that line until 1880, when he retired. His death occurred in 1906. Will I. Ohmer was educated in private schools at Dayton and in St. Mary's college. He early developed a leaning toward his father's trade and under the latter's instruction became a skilled workman. Prior to 1895 he was actively connected with the firm of M. Ohmer & Sons, then went into the specialty manufacturing business, and when the Ohmer

Automatic Recorder company was established became president, this company being succeeded seven years later, in 1904, by the Recording and Computing Machine company, with the following officers: W. I. Ohmer, president; W. C. Herron, vice-president, and Dr. Crawford, secretary and treasurer. Capitalized at $200,000, the company located on East First street, with 100 employees, and entered upon the manufacture of recording devices for street cars and computing machines for banks. By 1910 the business had grown to such proportions that more commodious quarters had to be secured, and removal was made to the Beaver Power building. In 1904, however, the Dayton Fare Recorder company was organized, with the same officers above mentioned. After removal to the Beaver Power building the employees were increased to 300, and with the devices above mentioned a few instruments of precision were manufactured. At that time the officers and directors were the following: W. I. Ohmer, president; Thomas Penny, vice-president; Thomas E. Mitton, secretary, and Oliver H. Payne and Nelson Robinson, directors. In 1914 the company bought the Speedwell plant and W. I. Ohmer bought out all the directors, leaving the board of officials as follows: W. I. Ohmer, president; C. U. Carpenter, vice-president; F. E. Pierson, secretary; H. J. Linkert, treasurer; H. N. Riehle assistant secretary. During the world war the company manufactured bracket fuse setters, time fuses, range finders, telescopes, optical instruments, lenses and prisms, the plant being 100 per cent war production. Mr. Ohmer heads this country's development in the art of photo-chemistry and general chemical research. Both subjects cover a very wide field of great importance to American industry. The photo-chemistry work covers the art of natural color photography, in itself a subject of greatest importance—the development of a new photographic process which is revolutionary in that with it paper of any kind may be used for photographic development and artistic effects never before attained can be secured. Mr. Ohmer is also developing a new photo-lithographic process which will eliminate the use of all types of duplicating devices such as photostats, mimeographs, multigraphs, etc. The realm of the moving picture field is covered by the development of projection secured from specially prepared paper which, being non-inflammable, permits for the first time the use of motion picture machines in the home, the school and the church. This opens up that great field of instruction by means of the motion picture machine that has been the dream of thousands who have realized the great possibilities of this method in its effect upon the children and the people of our nation, but who have hitherto been stopped from using this powerful aid to education by the ever present fear of fire. Mr. Ohmer, by developing the non-inflammable paper films, opens up at one stroke this great field. April 2, 1910, Mr. Ohmer married Miss Grace Dana Snyder, of New York City, and they have one daughter, Grace, who is attending school. In addition to membership in social and business organizations in New York and London Mr. Ohmer is a member of the Country club at Dayton and the Miami Valley Golf and the Dayton clubs.

Robert Oldham. It is not infrequently the case that the members of a family will evidence a predilection for the same calling or profession, a matter in which heredity, doubtless, plays more or less of a part. In the calling of agriculture or in the life of a commercial or industrial establishment it is only natural that the interests of the father should pass on to the son, but it is true also in the professions and often it is found that several generations will engage their energies in the same learned vocation. As in the other professions this is evidenced in the law, and an example of a son following in the footsteps of his father and finding success and satisfaction in the same calling is illustrated in the career of Robert Oldham, one of the younger members of the Dayton bar. Mr. Oldham, who is now in the enjoyment of a representative and lucrative practice, was born at Sidney, Ohio, October 19, 1889, a son of David Oldham. His father, who has been engaged in practice as an attorney for many years there, is one of the well-known lawyers of his part of the state, a man of learning and specialized skill, and one honored and respected by his fellow members of the fraternity. Robert Oldham attended the public and high schools of Sidney and was encouraged in his tendency to enter the law by his father, under whose teachings he gained his first knowledge of what he had chosen for his life's vocation. He proved an apt student, learning quickly and retaining what he had once gained, so that he had a decided advantage when he entered upon his advanced studies and established a brilliant college record. He was graduated from the Ohio State university, class of 1911, and was admitted to the bar in June of that year, several months before his twenty-second birthday. Mr. Oldham chose the city of Dayton as the most attractive field for the demonstration of his abilities as an attorney and began practice here October 1, 1911, in partnership with J. W. Aikman. Offices are maintained at 300 United Brethren building and a general business is carried on, this having now grown to large and important proportions. Mr. Oldham's advancement in his profession has been steady and consistent, and he is now accounted one of the most forceful and energetic, as well as successful, among the younger members of the Dayton bar. His successes have been numerous and many of them of a decidedly important character and have served to give him marked prestige and reputation. He holds membership in the Montgomery County Bar association, and also belongs to a number of clubs and several fraternities, although his close application to the duties of his ever-increasing practice has left him but little time for participation in social or other events. In civic matters he has always taken a good citizen's interest and has assisted others in movements making for advancement of Dayton's standing and reputation. Mr. Oldham was married July 17, 1912, to Miss Florence Lotton, daughter of Benjamin Lotton, a well-known citizen of Sidney, and to this union there has been born one son: Richard Lotton.

William Charles Oldt, sheriff of Montgomery county, by virtue of the distinguished position he has held in the official life of the county, his long residence at Dayton, and the high esteem in which he is held by his fellow citizens, is entitled to prominent mention in

this work. For more than ten years he has been constantly before the people as an officer of the law, for the year 1908 saw his entrance upon official duties as a deputy sheriff, and during this entire period he has faithfully and courageously discharged his responsibilities, his record being one that establishes him for all time as an efficient and skilled guardian of law and order. Sheriff Oldt is a native son of Montgomery county, and was born at Beavertown, Van Buren township, July 27, 1871, his parents being George and Ellen (Rotheiser) Oldt. His father was one of the well-known business men of Beavertown, where he conducted a grocery for forty-three years and was an estimable and public-spirited citizen who merited the esteem in which he was held generally in business and social circles. The public schools of Beavertown furnished William C. Oldt with his educational training, and when he started upon his independent career it was as a clerk in his father's store. When about nineteen years old he left the town of his birth and came to Dayton, where he secured a position with the Cincinnati Grocery company and continued in the employ of that concern for three years. Military life then beckoned to the young man, who answered the call and enlisted in company B, 16th regiment, Regular army, and for three years and three months wore the uniform of his country as a private. On his return to Dayton he again associated himself with his father, who had come to this city, but after several years transferred his services to James Achey, and for two and one-half years was employed by that business man on Fifth street. By the end of that time he had accumulated sufficient capital and experience to embark in business on his own account, and for seven years he was engaged in mercantile lines. When he was first appointed deputy sheriff, in 1908, Mr. Oldt gave up his business, disposing of his interests. He continued to serve in that capacity for eight years, and during that time impressed himself so favorably upon the people that in 1916 he was elected sheriff of Montgomery county, an official capacity in which he has since acted. Through strict attention to duty and an energetic upholding of the law Sheriff Oldt has succeeded in maintaining peace and order in the district under his jurisdiction, and his capacity and courage have been great factors in curbing the activities of criminals and those who endeavor to break the law. He has won public confidence and is accounted one of the best of the county officials. Sheriff Oldt is well known in fraternal circles, belonging to the local lodges of the B. & P. O E., the Order of Eagles, the Moose and the Bears, and holds membership also in the Dayton Gymnastic club and the Dayton Turner club. With his family, he belongs to the German Lutheran church. He was married January 30, 1900, to Miss Minnie Mueller, of Dayton, and they are the parents of three children: George W., William Charles, jr., and Rita Louise, all at home.

Charles J. Olt. A creditable utilization of opportunity is found in the business success of Charles J. Olt, at one time president of Olt Brothers Brewing Company of Dayton. Prior to the founding of this concern he had been identified with several enterprises in the Gem city in which he has shown capability and capacity, but it was not until he seized the opportunity in 1906 of start-

ing the industry which bore the name of Olt Brothers Brewing Company that he entered the ranks of real succesful men of his community. Since that time his interests have expanded and his prestige has grown, while as one of Dayton's constructive and public-spirited citizens he has contributed materially to the movements which have served to make the municipality prominent among the cities of the Miami valley. Like many others of the men who hold places of marked advancement in public, social and business life here, Mr. Olt claims the city of Dayton as his birthplace, he having been born May 25, 1866, a member of an old and favorably known family, and a son of John Olt, who for many years was connected with business affairs. After completing his literary education in the public schools, he prepared himself for business in the Miami Commercial college, and when duly graduated therefrom joined his father, with whom he learned the butchering business. He remained with the elder man until he had thoroughly mastered the trade, for it has always been characteristic of Mr. Olt that whatever he has done he has endeavored to do well and that he believes that the only way in which a man can accomplish things in the right way is to have a comprehensive knowledge of the subject. In 1891 he embarked in his first business venture, becoming the proprietor of a grocery and market, and continued in this line with some success for four years. At that time he sold out and formed a connection with George F. Krug, but one year later began his connection with the brewing business when he became bookkeeper for the Schantz Brewing company, an old established concern of Dayton. He made rapid progress in this concern, being advanced to collector and subsequently, in 1904, to manager, and in 1906 decided upon a venture of his own in the same line, when, with his brothers Fred, William, Edward and Oscar, he became the founder of Olt Brothers Brewing company, of which he was made president. As the directing head of this large industry, which expanded in volume and scope with the passing of the years, he exhibited acumen, foresight and judgment in a marked degree, combined with a capacity for work and much executive power. All the details of the business were fully comprehended by him, and his aggressive policy, backed by his own personality and integrity, combined to win patronage and to keep it, while the product of the house was another concomitant in its success. Mr. Olt is a master of business, and as an employer of labor is considerate and appreciative, having the faculty of securing from his men the best work of which they are capable. From the outset of his career he has had infinite faith in Dayton and its possibilities, and he not only has numerous investments here, but has encouraged others to put their holdings into land and buildings both personally and as vice-president of the Montgomery County Building and Loan association. Mr. Olt is one of the best known men in faternal circles in the city, being a thirty-second degree and Knight Templar Mason and a Shriner, and a member of the K. P., the B. & P. O. E., the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Loyal Order of Moose. He is an active worker in the Greater Dayton association and the Rotary club, as well as other civic organizations, belongs to the Young

Butchers' association, and still holds membership in the Dayton Gymnasium club, in which he was a member of the first boys' class. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. Mr. Olt was married April 8, 1890, to Miss Anna C. Raschke, daughter of Charles L. and Elizabeth (Achor) Raschke, of Dayton, and to this union there have been born three daughters: Marie, the wife of Amor P. Smith; Ruth, the wife of R. Monroe Wack; and Charlotte, the wife of Russell Crist; all of Dayton.

Edward Olt. Aside from any consideration that might arise from his connection with one of the old and substantial families of Dayton, Edward Olt has erected around him a solid wall of business and general confidence, and during the comparatively short period of his career has attained a position in the commercial and industrial world that might well be envied by men who have spent a lifetime in earnest effort. He entered business life some eighteen years ago, in a minor capacity, and from that time to the present his advancement has been steady and consistent, so that today, in the very prime of life, he finds himself associated in important capacities with some of the leading enterprises of Dominant Dayton. Mr. Olt is a product of Dayton and its schools. He was born in this city, January 18, 1882, a son of John Olt, and after attending the graded schools and Steele high school, took a course at the Miami Commercial college, which has graduated so many of Dayton's well known men and completed their training for business careers. When he left that institution he secured a position as bookkeeper with the Patterson Tool and Supply company, a concern with which he was connected for four years, his next employment being in a like capacity with the Seybold Machine company, remaining two years. In 1906 he commenced his connection with Olt Brothers Brewing company, as bookkeeper, subsequently became cashier of the company, and also a member of the board of directors and was a helpful factor in promoting the interests of the concern and in giving it its firmly established prestige, and in addition has been instrumental in bringing about the success of other commercial and industrial ventures, including the Gem City Packing company, of which he is likewise on the directory board. Mr. Olt is a type of the alert, progressive man of business, one who has made his own opportunities and developed them, and his associates have his judgment invariably correct. Mr. Olt is independent in politics and has had no aspirations in a public way. However, he has helped materially in civic movements and is an energetic member of the Greater Dayton association. He is widely and popularly known in social circles, being a member of the Dayton Automobile club, the Equinox club and the Superba club, and holds membership also in the Turners' association, the B. & P. O. E. and the K. P. He is a Lutheran in religion and attends St. John's church of that faith. Mr. Olt was married November 30, 1911, to Miss Elsa M. Rinne, daughter of Charles H. Rinne, of Indianapolis, Ind., and three children have been born to this union: Martha E., Edward R. and Kurtis E.

Fred Olt. In the same category as the builders of empires are found the men who establish, organize and develop vast com-

mercial and industrial enterprises that assist to make communities the center of a thriving trade and carry their names to far distant points. Such men must possess many qualities. Their insight into business conditions must be keen and far-reaching, their knowledge of men profound, and their ability to recognize and grasp opportunities, unlimited. Without industrial and commercial interests no community progresses, for such interests are the very life of a locality. The investment and attraction of capital, the employment of labor and the consequent opening up new channels of endeavor to meet newly created demands, all infuse blood into the veins of a section and endow it with new vigor and strength. Of the men of Dayton who have been progressive in business tactics and methods during recent years and who have assisted thereby in the development of the city, one who has been prominent is Fred Olt, a member of the firm of Olt Brothers brewery. Mr. Olt is a Daytonian by birth, education and training. He was born here September 25, 1874, a son of John and Philipena (Linxweiler) Olt. His father was born July 22, 1839, in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, and was nineteen years of age when he emigrated to the United States, settling at once in Dayton. He and his brother, Michael Olt, who had accompanied him thither, were variously employed for a time, but John Olt subsequently engaged in the retail meat business, which he followed successfully for some years. Still later he applied his energies to a general mercantile business, in which success was won through good management, industry and the application of an honorable policy in his transactions, and in 1903 he retired from active life with a well-won competence. He still lives retired at Dayton, where Mrs. Olt, who was born in Bavaria, Germany, January 11, 1844, died October 24, 1912. They were the parents of the following children: Charles J., a partner in the firm of Olt Brothers brewery; Caroline, who makes her home with her aged father; Mary E., who is the wife of the well known Dayton business man, Adam Schantz; Fred, of this notice; William J., also of this city; John A., a resident of New York city; Edward, of Dayton; and Oscar C., who is engaged in the insurance business here. Fred Olt attended the public schools of Dayton and early entered upon his career in the business world, being little more than a lad when he secured employment with the Bates & Roesh Dry Goods company, a concern with which he remained four and one-half months. He then entered his father's meat business for a time, but did not care for this line and secured a position with the Adam Schantz Brewing company, as bookkeeper. He won advancement in this business, which he thoroughly learned, and in 1904 was made cashier, a position which he held until 1906. In the latter year, in partnership with his brother Charles J., he founded the firm of Olt Brothers Brewing company, buying the old plant and site of the N. Jacobs Packing company. The original buildings proved sufficient for only several years, when it was found necessary to make additions and to build other buildings, and from time to time the entire plant has been remodeled, until it finally became a modern and model structure, with all facilities for the manufacture of bottled beer and ale. The company also con-

ducts an ice plant; employed seventy people, and had an annual capacity of its product of about 35,000 barrels. The company was originally incorporated for $50,000, which was subsequently advanced to $60,000, and in 1912 was again advanced, this time to $180,000. The business was solidly built upon a foundation of honorable methods and the reputation of the concern, a most excellent one, rests upon twelve years of straightforward dealing and fidelity to all business engagements and agreements. Mr. Olt and the members of his family belong to Saint John's Lutheran church. He is well known in fraternal circles, belonging to the Masons, the B. & P. O. E., the K. P. and Order of Eagles; is president of the Turner Society of Dayton, a director in the Symphony association, a member of the Dayton club, and a member and helpful worker in the Greater Dayton association. Mr. Olt was married April 6, 1902, to Miss Laura H. Greve, daughter of Herman Greve, of Dayton, and to this union there have been born three children: Herman J., Theodore F., and Richard C.

Oscar C. Olt. As a separate and distinct line of business, unconnected with any other, the writing of insurance has grown to huge proportions, and this is not alone through the realization of the people of the necessity for proper protection, but in a large degree because of the efforts of the men engaged in this line of endeavor, who are educating the masses as to the benefits accruing from the carrying of insurance. Of the men of Dayton who are making a distinct success of selling insurance, one of the best known is Oscar C. Olt, of the Oscar C. Olt company, whose name in insurance circles is synonymous with uprightness and soundness of principle. Mr. Olt was born at Dayton, July 3, 1884, and is a son of John and Philipena (Linxweiler) Olt. His father, a native of Hessen-Darmstadt, born July 22, 1839, emigrated to the United States as a young man of nineteen years, being accompanied by his brother, Michael Olt, and subsequently embarked in the retail meat business which he followed for some years. Subsequently, he turned his attention to mercantile lines, built up an excellent business through industry and honorable methods, and retired with a satisfying competence about the year 1903. Mrs. Olt, who was born in Bavaria, Germany, January 11, 1844, died at Dayton, October 24, 1912. They were the parents of the following children: Charles J., who is connected with Olt Brothers Brewing company of Dayton; Caroline, who resides with her father; Mary E., who is the wife of Adam Schantz, of Dayton, a well-known and successful business man; Fred, of Dayton, who is connected with Olt Brothers Brewing company; William J., also of this city; John A., a resident of New York city; and Edward and Oscar C., of Dayton. Oscar C. Olt received his education in the schools of Dayton, including the Steele high school, and following this took a business course in the Miami Commercial college. He began his career in the business world in 1903, when he secured a position with the Teutonia Fire Insurance Company of Dayton, continuing with that concern until 1911, when he embarked in business on his own account. His list of clients has steadily increased, and he has gradually

extended the scope of his business until now he handles fire, liability, automobile, life, accident, tornado, burglary, elevator, teams, plate glass, fly wheel, steam boiler and live stock insurance, and surety bonds. His concern is now known as the Oscar C. Olt Co., general insurance, and its offices are located at 201-202 Ludlow building. The insurance business demands many characteristics not found necessary in other lines. The successful insurance man must not only know his own business thoroughly, but be a competent judge of human nature, be possessed in a marked degree of that faculty which enables one to speak clearly and convincingly with his possible client, and to be able to place his insurance with a reliable concern, which can be relied upon to conserve the interests of the assured. Mr. Olt's success lies in the fact that he has been able to live up to all these requirements, and to his industry and unfailing courtesy. He is a York Rite, tenth degree, Mason, and a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 13, F. & A. M.; and belongs to Humboldt Lodge, K. P.; Steuben Lodge of I. O. O. F; the Druids, the Order of Eagles, and the Dayton Turners association. He has also been active in the work of the Dayton movement known as the Greater Dayton association, and has many friends among his fellow-members in the Equinox and Kiwanis clubs. Mr. Olt was married September 4, 1912, to Miss Edna V. Euchenhofer, daughter of Edward E. and Dora (Makley) Euchenhofer, of Dayton, and to this union there have been born two children, namely: John Edward and Elizabeth Mary.

William J. Olt. In most large communities there are names that are indelibly identified with certain lines of effort. It is so in the professions and in public life, in the arts and sciences and in manufacture, and particularly is it so in connection with retail commercial ventures. A certain family will make itself known in some one line of business in such a way as to establish prestige and impress itself upon the public, and others of the same name will follow the same line. This proves beneficial in both directions. Beneficial to the owner of the business because of the reputation which is his, and beneficial to the public because the business man generally endeavors to live up to the reputation already established. At Dayton, a name that is connected with the retail meat business and has been for a number of years, is that of Olt. The late John Olt was an early meat dealer of the Gem city, and others of the name have since engaged in the same line of business, one of the present representatives in this line being William J. Olt, who is proprietor of 1-2-3-4 Arcade Market. Mr. Olt was born at Dayton, March 27, 1877, and is a son of John Olt. He received his education in the public schools of his native city and mastered the meat business under the teaching of his father, with whom he continued to be associated for several years. His first independent venture in a commercial way was as proprietor of a market at Fifth and Commerce streets, but after one year he disposed of his interests and associated himself with the Henry Burkhardt Packing company, a concern with which he worked for two years. Later Mr. Olt had a short experience in the plumbing business, with Philip & William Hawes, but two years in this line convinced

him that his success was to be found in other directions, and in 1906 he returned to the meat business in the Arcade market, where he has built up a highly satisfactory trade. Mr. Olt's success has been well deserved, for he has won his way through, unaided, by the possession and exercise of perseverance, industry and determination to succeed. He has had much to aid him, however, in fundamental requisites of good citizenship, for that is an inheritance from his honored father, and at all times he has proved worthy of the name he bears, evidencing his worth in his support of those measures calculated to be of general benefit. He possesses the traits of courtesy, consideration and integrity, and maintains, in his many-sided intercourse with the public, the highest tenets of commercial life. Mr. Olt belongs to several fraternal orders and has numerous friends in various walks of life who have watched his advancement with interest. He was married to Miss Marie M. Rost, of Dayton, and to this union there have been born five children, as follows: William J., jr., Louis E., Margaret D., Charles F. and Frank G.

Hjalmar Ludwig Orrman is one of the best known figures in the pulp and paper machinery manufacturing business, not alone as a manager and excellent business man, but as an inventor as well, a somewhat unusual combination of qualities. Mr. Orrman, who during the past fifteen years has been connected with the James Saunders company, of Dayton, of which concern he is now vice-president, was born at Borgå, Finland, on the Gulf of Finland, February 20, 1848, a son of Otto Wilhelm and Fredericka (Solitander) Orrman. He was given excellent educational advantages in his youth, first attending the public schools at Borgå and subsequently at the splendid University of Helsingfors, also in his native land, following which he spent two years at Hanover, Germany, studying chemistry. This qualified him for employment in a large pulp and paper mill at Saxony, Germany, where he remained until first coming to the United States, in 1876, his original intention being merely to attend the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia, where he hoped to gain an idea of what was being done in the paper industry. Once in this country, however, he became interested in the opportunities for advancement presented, and was induced to remain as an employee of the Forrest Paper company, in its chemical pulp mill at Yarmouth, Me. Subsequently, he went to Berlin, N. H., where he spent eleven years in the same business for the Forrest Fibre company, and then to Mechanicsville, N. Y., where he remained a short time. Later on he was connected with the Barclay Fibre company at Saugerties, N. Y., for about one and one-half years, and then went to Orono, Me., where he was connected with the Orono Pulp and Paper company for a year, following which he spent a like period in the same capacity in the employ of a firm at Howland, Me. In 1892, he first came to Ohio, locating at West Carrollton, Ohio, where he was in the employ of the Friend Paper company until 1897. Returning in that year to Europe, he went to Stockholm, Sweden, selling American pulp and paper machinery, a course which he also pursued in England, Germany and Russia. In 1904 he returned to the United States

and located at Dayton, where he engaged in the manufacture of paper making machinery with the James Saunders company, of which concern he is now vice-president. Mr. Orrman has for years been engaged in work on inventions and improvements, and his successful labors have given an impetus to the paper and pulp business and as a natural consequence to all lines of endeavor dependent upon the paper manufacturer and his products. Naturally his earlier efforts met with some indifference and even opposition, for no good has ever come without carping from those too ignorant or disinterested to comprehend the merit of proposed changes. While this opposition retarded development for a time, Mr. Orrman was not discouraged and forced his way ahead, and now can be justly proud of his courage and foresight. He is the owner of numerous patents on his own machines, and is treasurer of the Carl Shaffer Dry Cleaning company. Mr. Orrman is independent in politics, belongs to the Unitarian faith, and is a member of the Engineers' club of Dayton. He married December 1, 1880, Miss Mary Moody, who was born at Liberty, Me., and educated at Yarmouth, a member of an old New England family, and a daughter of Daniel S. and Hannah (Walker) Moody, of Yarmouth, Me. To this union there has been born one daughter: Olga Marie, the wife of P. P. Westbye, of Peterboro, Ontario, Can., with two children, Mary Amelia and Eric Orrman.

Henry Ortman and the farm which he owns in Clay township, Montgomery county, have developed together, and the evolving of the former from a crude country lad, without capital, into an intelligent and wide-awake twentieth century exponent of agriculture, is not more pronounced than the transformation which has come over the landmark of Montgomery county now known as "The Maples." Mr. Ortman began life with little to assist him, but, aided by his worthy wife, he has come to enjoy the most satisfying rewards of life, and this couple now are among the most highly esteemed people of their home community of Phillipsburg. Mr. Ortman was born on a farm in Clay township, Montgomery county, Ohio, September 2, 1865, seventh of the four sons and four daughters of Frederick Henry and Fredericka (Pansing) Ortman. Seven of the children mentioned are living and all are agriculturists of Montgomery county, where the family, without exception, is noted for its integrity and high principles. Frederick Henry Ortman was born in Hanover, Germany, and died November 19, 1875, in Montgomery county, aged fifty-seven years, one month, one day. He received a common school education in his native land, where he was reared and married, and sailed from Germany in one of the old-fashioned sailing vessels, which took weeks to cross the Atlantic. Landing at New Orleans, La., in 1848, Mr. and Mrs. Ortman made their way up the Mississippi and Ohio rivers to Cincinnati, and then at once removed to Miamisburg, where Mr. Ortman secured employment as a wage-earner in a saw and flouring mill. The first land he purchased comprised fifty acres, to which he added by consecutive purchases of two thirty-five-acre tracts, all located in Clay township, for which he went heavily into debt. He was successful in his operations, cleared his land of both timber and

indebtedness, and at the time of his death was a well-to-do man, with a valuable farm of 120 acres. He was also a good citizen and a valued member of his community, as well as a devout member of the Lutheran church at Phillipsburg, which he helped to build, and of which his wife was also a member, and both are buried in the Lutheran Cemetery at Phillipsburg, where beautiful shafts mark their graves. Mr. Ortman, whose name was originally spelled Ortmann, was a Democrat, but never an office seeker. Henry Ortman, of this notice, has been an agriculturist all of his life. In his boyhood and youth he attended the public school of Montgomery county, and his rearing was much the same as that of other country lads of his day and locality, his time being divided between work on the home farm in the summer and attendance at the district schools in the winter terms. He remained under the parental roof until his marriage, April 24, 1887, to Catherine Arnett, and to this union there have been born four children. Linda, the eldest, received a good common school education, and married Elsworth Hoke, a resident of Clay township, where he is engaged in agricultural pursuits. They are members of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ and the parents of four children: Edna, Holley, Henry Otto and Caroline Lucy, the first two attending school. Roy Ortman, the second child, is a mechanic and machinist and a young man of pronounced ability, ready to learn and advance himself, who was formerly for three years identified with the Great Western Electric company of Chicago, and is now connected with the Delco company of Dayton. He is a Democrat. He married Louise Henrietta Green, and they have one daughter, Audrey Catherine. Frank Ortman, the next child, is a graduate of the Steele high school, Dayton, and of Jacobs Business college, of that city, and was formerly an agriculturist but is now a salesman, with his home at Phillipsburg not far from his parents. He married Anna Meyer and they are members of the Christian church. Pearlie, the youngest of Henry Ortman's children, is a bright and intelligent girl residing with her parents. She graduated from the graded schools at the age of twelve years, and is now organist of the Mennonite church of the Brethren and chorister of the Sunday school, being possessed of marked musical talent. Mrs. Ortman, the mother of these children, was born in Darke county, Ohio, June 21, 1866, the eighth in order of birth in a family of four sons and eight daughters born to Henry J. and Susanna (Deahofe) Arnett, of whom there are seven living, three being residents of Montgomery county. Her brother John is a resident of Portland, Ore., and a carpenter and joiner, and married; Margaret is the widow of Denny Clifford, and resides at Peru, Ind.; Ellen is the wife of Samuel Houston and resides in Darke county; Julia Ann is the wife of John Bowers and resides in Miami county. The father of these children was a native of Montgomery county, born in 1827 and died in 1912. He was a farmer by occupation and a successful man, accumulating a tract of 160 acres in Darke county, and was a good and highly respected citizen. He was a Democrat and he and his wife were faithful members of the Dunkard church. Mrs. Arnett was born in Pennsylvania, of old Pennsylvania Dutch stock,

and was fifty-one years of age at the time of her demise. She and Mr. Arnett were buried in the Potsdam cemetery, in Miami county, where beautiful shafts mark their last resting-place. At one time during Mrs. Arnett's life the family home was destroyed by fire and two of her children lost their lives. Mrs. Ortman was educated in the public schools, and has been her husband's constant and faithful helpmate and wise counsellor. When they began life they had no capital and their early struggles were hard ones, but through perseverance and good management they made a success of their lives, and are now in comfortable circumstances. Their first purchase was fifteen acres, which they sold, and Mr. Ortman and his brother then bought the home place. This is now cleared of indebtedness and Mr. and Mrs. Ortman have a beautiful country place of eighty acres in section 3, Clay township, in addition to their pretty property at Phillipsburg, a home of comfort and happiness known as "The Maples." Mr. Ortman is a Democrat but not an office-seeker. He and his worthy wife have done much to advance their community, where they are the center of a wide circle of friends.

Charles B. Ozias. Almost any individual possesses the ability to acquire means, but those with the capacity for investing it wisely and conserving the interests developing therefrom are considerably in the minority. Yet it requires much more ability to conduct large enterprises, upholding certain standards, safeguarding investments and protecting those dependent upon the operations of such concerns, than it does merely to acquire money without any further responsibility. In the present day of heavy competition, and the concentration of capital, there is a demand for trained and able executives that far exceeds the supply. One of these sound, reliable business men of Dayton who is proving himself capable of discharging every duty deveolving upon him is Charles B. Ozias, secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Dayton Iron and Steel company. Mr. Ozias was born at Arcanum, Ohio, May 17, 1879, a son of Benjamin F. and Hannah C. (Kumler) Ozias. After attending the graded schools and the Steele high school, Mr. Ozias took a business course in the Miami Commercial college of Dayton, and with this preparation began his career as a traveling representative on the road for several large business houses. Subsequently he was made credit manager for the Eldridge & Higgins company, and in 1906 became identified with the National Laundry Machinery company, of which he was secretary and treasurer until 1912. In that year he was made secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Dayton Iron and Steel company, a position in which he has continued to the present, and in which he has brought to bear with excellent results his knowledge and wide experience. Capable, energetic and far-sighted, he has made a success of his career and has attained a place of respect in the confidence and esteem of his associates. The Dayton Iron and Steel company was established in 1912, and was incorporated for $50,000. The business had been founded as a private enterprise in 1907, by J. E. Jones, of the Dayton Iron Store company, but had gone into the hands of a receiver in 1911. The new company bought the assets

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from the receivers, and the concern started operations at 512 E. Third street under the direction of William Kette, president; George Schantz, jr., vice-president; and Mr. Ozias, secretary and treasurer. In 1914 R. M. Pine became president, and T. E. Howell, vice-president, and in the following year George Schantz assumed the presidency, Mr. Howell remaining as vice-president and Mr. Ozias as secretary, treasurer and general manager. In the meantime, in 1914, the business had been removed to its present modern plant, at 119 E. Third street. The company handles iron, steel, heavy hardware, and automobile tires and accessories, and fifteen people are employed in the plant, three traveling salesmen covering a territory including a radius of seventy-five miles of Dayton. Mr. Ozias is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce and takes much interest in the work of the local organization of the Y. M. C. A., in which he holds membership. He is a Knight Templar, Mason and a Shriner, and has a wide circle of friends.

George W. Ozias. The profession of law is one which demands more than ordinary intellectual strength, undivided attention, constant study, careful training and unceasing industry. The lawyer of to-day desirous of success, if he be engaged in active practice in all the courts, must be constantly alert to keep abreast of all the decisions that may establish a precedent and thus change jurisprudence. He must give freely of himself and never lose sight of his client's interests, even when such a course conflicts with his own affairs. Dayton's legal profession has maintained high standards in these directions, and one of the able lawyers who has won recognition, position and success by adherence to these standards is George W. Ozias, who for more than a quarter of a century has been a familiar figure in the courts in the handling of important litigation. Mr. Ozias was born at Farmersville, Montgomery county, Ohio, January 28, 1863, a son of David F. W. and Lydia A. (Drayer) Ozias. His father, a native of Lewisburg, Preble county, Ohio, was a young man when he moved to Kenton, Ohio, and there established himself in business as a general merchant. He is now retired from business affairs and makes his home with his son in Oakwood village. Mrs. Ozias, who was born at Farmersville, passed the greater part of her life there, and is now deceased. George W. Ozias received his primary education in the public schools of Kenton, Ohio, and after his graduation from the high school there, secured his academic training at Northwood, Ohio, a Covenanter college. He also attended the Ohio Wesleyan college, Delaware, Ohio, from which latter he was graduated in the classical course of 1883. This was followed by a course at Cincinnati Law school, where he was a member of the graduation class of 1886, and in that same year he was admitted to the bar. Mr. Ozias, however, did not immediately begin practice, but on coming to Dayton became manager of Bradstreet's Mercantile agency, a position in which his legal knowledge was highly valuable to his concern. Likewise, the experience he gained in that position and the knowledge of business methods, assisted him greatly when he began the practice of his profession. In 1891 he resigned his post and opened an office at Dayton, where he has since carried on a gen-

eral professional business. With the exception of one year in association with Judge Calvin D. Wright and one year with Mr. Hershey, he has practiced independently, and is now in the enjoyment of a large and important business, his practice being only limited by the time he can devote to it. His offices are 603 Commercial building. Mr. Ozias is possessed of a mind at once active, deliberative and judicial. He has quick perception and intuitive judgment, and is confident in his own conclusions although open to suggestions. With this combination of qualities he has also an enthusiasm for his calling which enables him to concentrate all his powers upon a case at hand and exhaust all the resources of his ability and knowledge. His practice carries him into the United States, District and Federal courts, and has included some important cases. He belongs to the Montgomery County Bar association, the Ohio State Bar association and the American Bar association, and to the Lawyers' club, and as a public-spirited citizen he has been active in his support of the Greater Dayton association. His professional engrossment has allowed him but scant time for the indulgence of his social gifts, but he belongs to the Dayton, Country and the City clubs. Fraternally he belongs to the Order of Elks, and is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason. The busy lawyer is cut off from many of the recreations which freshen and inspire the lives of other individuals, but when occasion offers Mr. Ozias is the most genial of men and he belongs to the Protestant Episcopal church. Mr. Ozias was married January 4, 1897, to Blanche B., daughter of Charles Whealan, of Dayton, and to this union there has been born one son: Charles Whealan, now a student at Harvard Law school.

Harry F. Patten, M. D. Recognized as one of the capable, learned and experienced physicians of Dayton, during the past seventeen years Dr. Harry F. Patten has succeeded in building up a large and representative practice and in gaining a position of preference among his colleagues. He was born at Liberty, Montgomery county, Ohio, July 24, 1876, a son of John H. and Anna (Gebhart) Patten, natives of the same county, where John H. Patten followed agricultural pursuits for some years. In later life the father moved to Dayton, where he was a paper hanger and painter for a time, but he and Mrs. Patten are now living comfortable retired lives. For his early education, Harry F. Patten attended the public schools of Dayton, following which he was a student at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., taking an academic and pharmacy course. This was followed by attendance at Vanderbilt university, Nashville, Tenn., where he received his degree of M. D. as a member of the class of 1901, and then took a post-graduate course at Cincinnati university. He commenced practice at Dayton in 1902 and since that time has advanced steadily in the acquiring of desirable professional business and of an ever-broadening reputation as a practitioner. At present he is acting as physician for Barney Community house, of Dayton. He has never ceased to be a student, and has taken several post-graduate courses, at the Chicago Policlinic and the Chicago Medical college. He holds membership in the Montgomery County

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Medical society, the Ohio Medical society and the Dayton Academy of Medicine and is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner. His religious connection is with Trinity Lutheran church. Doctor Patten was married September 10, 1902, to Inez Cage, of Dayton, who died November 28, 1911.

Frank Stuart Patterson. There is a photograph, a personal photograph, one taken as the nation entered the war, which with its poignant suggestiveness grips the heart of even a total stranger. It portrays a brother and sister sitting side by side in the happy home companionship that was their lot in life, she with her hand resting on his arm and both looking straight out at the observer. The young man has the clear eye, smooth forehead and dreamy look of a young seer. It is as if he was self-dedicated to a task and was taking stock of his personal attributes which would go to the solution of it. The picture was of Frank Stuart Patterson, lieutenant of aviation, U. S. A. and his sister, Mary Patterson. His life was a short one but crowded with achievement and pregnant with possibilities. The son of Frank S. Patterson and Julia Shaw Patterson, he was born in Dayton September 3, 1896, and passed his boyhood years in Dayton, first at the kindergarten presided over by Miss Georgia Parrott and afterwards at the central district school. At fifteen he became a member of the Adirondack-Florida school founded by Mr. Paul Ransom. This institution gives its pupils the double benefits of life in the mountains and in the semi-tropics, the spring and fall terms being spent in the Adirondacks and the winter term at Cocoanut grove near Miami, Florida. In his class work and in sports Stuart Patterson took instant rank with his fellow-pupils and impressed companions and teachers alike with his aptitude for study, his enthusiasm for outdoor activities and his lovable disposition. After four years in the Adirondack-Florida school he was entered at Yale academic where he spent nearly another four years, always with the highest standing and increasing popularity. Then the war burst upon the world and the part of America in it soon an assured fact. After that the restlessness of every student made continuance at academic tasks impossible. Stuart shared in the prevailing wave of patriotism and that together with his interest in the new cult of aviation made his prompt decision not a surprising one. In May of his junior year he left the schoolroom to enter the aviation section of the army. It was by no means a new thing with him, the allure of the air, for two years previous to this date he had taken a course at the Curtis school in Buffalo and received his license to fly after only two hundred and fifty minutes in the air instead of the usual requirement of seven hundred minutes.

His first assignment upon entering the service was at the Boston "Tech," then to Mineola and finally to Fort Sill, Texas, where he was put in charge of a squadron and recommended for a captaincy. From Fort Sill young Patterson was transferred to Dallas, Texas, then to Hicks, Texas, where he was given command of another squadron. The next move was to Dayton, his home city, where, at the Wilbur Wright field and with two other experts he was engaged in the testing of new machines. It was on June

19, 1918, that during a testing flight the wings of the airplane he was operating parted from the body and precipitated it to the ground from a distance of nearly three miles. Thus perished, as nobly as on the actual field of battle, Frank Stuart Patterson, on the eve of his dearest accomplishments and ambitions. Such a life, so well begun and so unhappily ended is a loss to both friends and nation. His lovable nature and high moral sense would have taken him far into the hearts of his friends and to the accomplishment of the deeds upon which the nation depends for its permanence.

Colonel Robert Patterson, pioneer, soldier, statesman, citizen; founder of Lexington, Ky., one of the first owners of Cincinnati; and early and honored citizen of Dayton. His record, the record of the early years of this part of Ohio and Kentucky, is briefly this: As a pioneer he left his father's home at Falling Springs, Pa., where he was born in 1753, and, at the age of seventeen, took his way through the deep woods to the new country of Ohio and Kentucky, from which time forward he lived and worked on the frontier; as soldier he was present in ten engagements with the Indians and suffered ten wounds at their hands. He was with Boone at the battle of Blue Licks and with the rescuing force at Bryan's station; he accompanied Colonel Bowman in the several raids against the Shawnee Indians in the Miami campaigns, and also commanded the advance guard under General George Rogers Clarke in the Illinois campaign and was one of the first to enter the captured town of Kaskaskia, for which he received his commission and grants of land. He defended the rear during the retreat of St. Clair's army from the disastrous defeat in 1799.

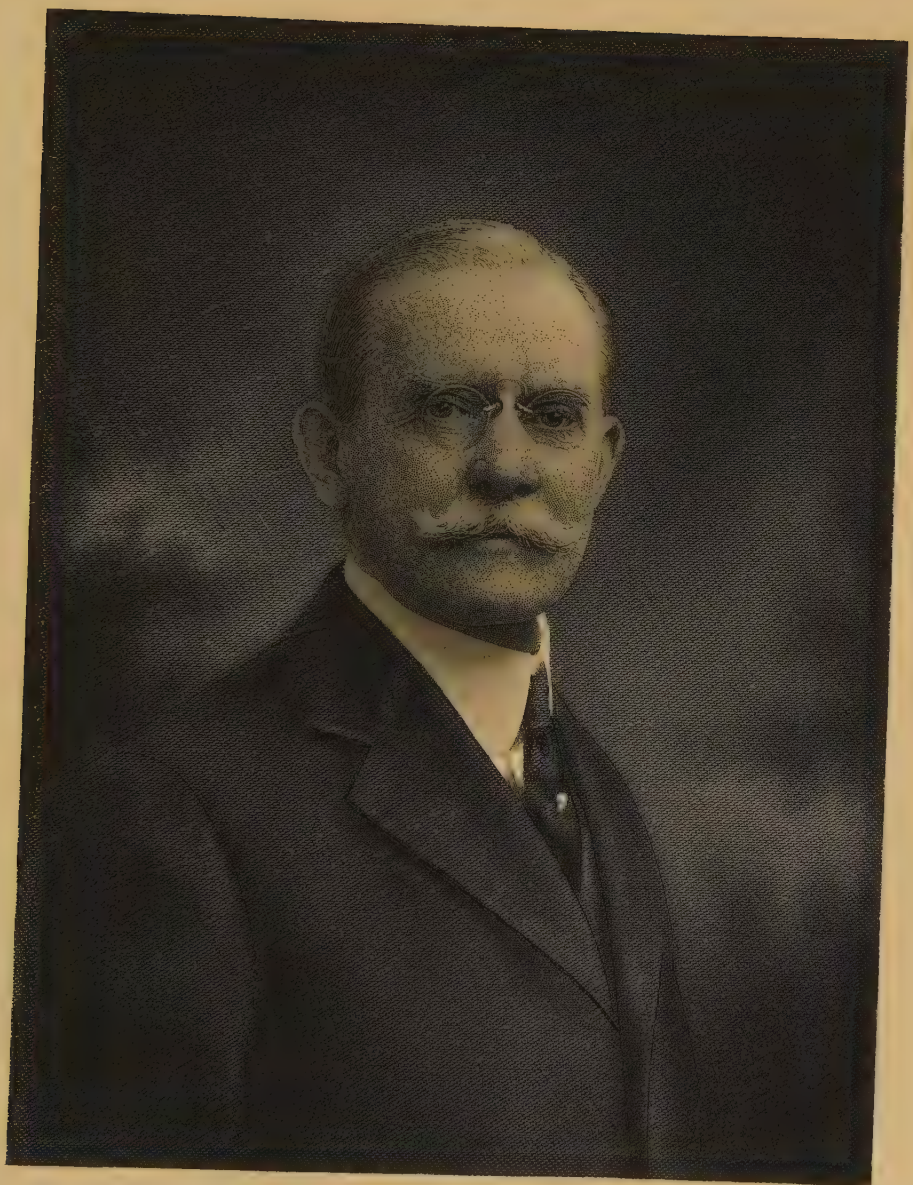
As statesman he represented Fayette county in the first Kentucky legislature, which tradition says met under a large tree.

As citizen, both in Lexington and Dayton, he was a constant promoter of schools, churches, and libraries, good roads and waterways, high-bred horses and live stock, orchards and vineyards, manufactures and town improvement.

He came to Dayton with his large family in 1804 and built his home on the land known as Rubicon farm south of town. He served as quartermaster in the War of 1812, and took part in all public improvements, especially the promotion of the building of the canal, and on the whole left Dayton much better than he found it.

His wife was Elizabeth Lindsay, whose forebears came from Edzell, Scotland, and his children were Margaret, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Jane, Catherine, Harriet, William, Francis, and Jefferson.

John Henry Patterson. In the previous sketch of Colonel Robert Patterson, Mr. J. H. Patterson's ancestry has been fully given on his father's side. On his mother's, he came from the Johnstons, originally from Ireland, where they were landed genty in Enniskillen, Donegal county, and more originally Scottish chevaliers of Annandale, where their annals begin about 1296. Two brothers, James and Stephen, owned estates in Ireland which they got from King William III, in reward for meritorious services at the Battle of the Boyne. The eldest of these brothers, James, married



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Elizabeth Bernard, a French girl from La Ferte, France, and emigrated to America in 1791. His son Stephen was the grandfather of Mrs. Jefferson Patterson. This Stephen, when sixteen years of age, served an apprenticeship at the war office in Philadelphia, and then married Rachel Robinson, a Quaker girl, and with her, made the long journey through the woods to Fort Wayne, Ind. Later they removed to Piqua, then a mere stockade fort in the woods on the upper Miami river, where their sixteen children were born. Juliana, the fourth daughter, became in 1833, the wife of Jefferson Patterson of Dayton.

John Johnston was, in his day, a man of eminence. He served forty years as agent for the government, being in charge of all the Indians in the Miami valley and his records of the language and customs of the tribes under his control are still referred to by authorities in archeology.

Juliana Johnston Patterson was born in the log stockade fort and was a witness while a child to the frontier life, that compound of thrilling adventure and wearing hardships. When an aged woman she was still a most interesting talker and loved to entertain her friends with an account of the experiences of her girlhood. Both the Pattersons and the Johnstons were intimately associated with the history and progress of Ohio.

Coming to Dayton as a bride in 1833, Mrs. Patterson, after a short residence on Jefferson street, went to live at Rubicon farm. The original owner, old Colonel Robert, had died some six years previously and the property had passed to his son Jefferson. The old home resounded to the gaiety of children as the sons and daughters of the Pattersons were born and grew up. There were eight of them in all: William, Robert, Stephen, John H., Frank, Stuart, Kate and Julia. Never was there such a hospitable household. Mrs. Patterson was known far and wide for her fine housekeeping and her cordial welcome at all times to her friends.

The generosity which is shown by the frequent entertainments at Far Hills is a distinct inheritance from Mr. Patterson's mother. Jefferson Patterson was elected to the state legislature in 1862 and while absent from home the chief care of the farm and mills fell upon the shoulders of his son John. Educated in the public schools of Dayton and in the little red schoolhouse at the forks of the road, now known as the Oakwood loop, the boy early developed an instinct for business. He liked responsibility and never shirked his share of the farm chores, whether it was tending the calves, helping with the crops or working in the hay field. Managing the sawmill gave him his first taste of business and upon his father's return from Columbus the mill accounts were found in perfect order; every transaction having been duly entered in the books.

Following his high school days Mr. Patterson's education was continued at Miami university, Oxford, 1864-65. During the summer of 1864, when in his twentieth year, he volunteered as a Hundred-day man and served for the period of his enlistment in the 131st Ohio Volunteer Infantry. After the war he entered Dartmouth college and graduated with the degree of B. A. in 1867.

His first business venture was as collector of tolls on the Miami canal and the next as retail coal dealer. But small things never interested Mr. Patterson and it was not long before he embarked in an independent business with his brother, Frank J. Patterson as a coal operator, the firm name being the Southern Ohio Coal & Iron company, with headquarters at Coalton.

In the articles dealing with the commercial interests of Dayton and development of the National Cash Register company, is told in detail, of how at the company's store maintained for the miners at Coalton, there was first tried out the rude machine which registered sales and how the Patterson brothers, convinced of its possibilities, embarked in its manufacture.

At the present writing (1919) several marked characteristics in Mr. Patterson's personality are plain to the world, one of the principal ones being an overmastering capacity for hard work. At the age when the psalmist imposes withdrawal from the active duties of life, Mr. Patterson keeps to the strenuous schedule of of business hours. At his desk in the factory when most other business men are just sitting down to their breakfast, he begins a day's work equal to that of many a man of half his age. Not one of his young subordinates can keep up with his pace.

His second most prominent characteristic is his receptivity to new ideas. In meeting a stranger his first motive is to get that man's point of view. Anything that he has not heard of before has the intensest attraction for him. With a keen penetration into the modus operandi of an unknown proposition he instantly sees the practical workings of it and makes it his own. It has been said of him "he is a good receiver and a good transmitter"; he takes other people's ideas which are lying around unused and puts them into practical operation. Moreover it is not sufficient to use the ideas himself; if they are good for him and his business they are good universally and must be advertised. Everything that passes through Mr. Patterson's mind is spread forth to a large general hearing. By the printed page, the spoken word and the pictured screen, all the new ideas, the rare plans and social experiments that have been taken up by him and worked out in his mind are shared with the public. Literally thousands of his fellow-citizens, not only in Dayton, but throughout the country have received their best opinions on health, industrial efficiency, patriotism, landscape gardening, the beautifying of homes, good citizenship, community service and social betterment from this ubiquitous publicity. One of his keenest principles is that you must teach people, not only through the ear, but through the eye. What you tell people is apt to go in one ear and out the other; what they see fixes itself upon their minds and stays there.

This habit of listening to others has worked itself out in the factory into a plan of prizes for suggestions from employees. Mr. Patterson not only listens to proposed changes in the detail of work, but he welcomes them and encourages his people to think out better ways of accomplishing the end and to give the company the benefit of their ideas. To see the immense meetings held either in the factory schoolhouse or at Far Hills, his own home, where

operatives from any or all departments receive money prizes for their suggestions, is to take new lessons in the duties and opportunities of manufacturing. Aside from his acumen as a business man and master of industry, Mr. Patterson is known as the best employer in the United States. Not only profits but persons belong to his concern. He does not look upon his workers as cogs in the wheels of his factory but as distinct personalities who must be dealt with on human lines. He believes that labor and capital should work together to the same end; that the employer owes more to his workers than mere wages (which by the way, are notably high at the National Cash Register works), and that only as the employer considers the personal welfare of his people has he a right to the profits which they help him earn.

To seek the origin of the establishment of welfare work (of which Mr. Patterson is the justly considered inventor for all the other industrial works where it is in operation), it will be necessary to go back to the small beginnings of the company. Success in production did not come immediately. Somewhere in the year 1892 many registers were returned as defective, causing heavy loss in both money and reputation. To a man of Mr. Patterson's pride this was intolerable and he made instant efforts to find out the cause of the defects. Personal investigation showed him that conditions in the factory were bad. The neighborhood conditions were poor; self-respecting workmen did not like to live in "Slidertown," as the rather disreputable locality where the factory was located was called. There was not enough light in the shops; sanitary conditions were poor; dust on the floor made a menace for the workers. Going through the factory during the noon hour one day, Mr. Patterson noticed some women operatives heating their coffee over the radiator and eating their luncheons amidst the refuse from the machines at which they worked. This seemed to him not to promise either the highest quality of output from those workers or the proper spirit in which to meet their obligations to the company.

Worse than all, the gravest difficulty in the way of sufficient production was, as Mr. Patterson thought, that he lacked the co-operation and sympathy of his employees. He, representing capital and they representing labor had each been trying to get the most out of each other with no concern as to how much they should each give.

With the entrance of this thought into Mr. Patterson's mind he began to be "the best employer in America." His first efforts to do honestly his share in the partnership were small ones. A kitchen was installed and the women workers supplied with hot soup and fresh coffee at the noon hour. Then the shape of the chairs they used were changed, giving a support to the back while operating the machines. Bath-rooms were installed and time given for baths. Contrivances for drawing out the machine dust made available; ventilating shafts and vacuum drafts made the air of the shops as clean and pure as that in a parlor. Dining-rooms, away from the work bench, took the place of the old dinner-basket fashion. Protective devices for shielding the worker from danger-

ous machines were placed wherever they were needed. Elevator service supplanted the back-wearing stairways. Free aprons and sleevelets were provided for the women workers. An emergency hospital looked after cases of sudden illness and nurses were installed whose duties at last extended beyond the mere treatment of cases to the conducting of an information bureau for health. Rest-rooms with comfortable couches allow relaxation during the noon hour. Overshoes and umbrellas are furnished by the company in case a sudden rain finds the girls unprepared, this being an application of the principle that the expense incurred is more than justified by the prevention of illness and consequent loss of time in the work-room. For in all of this welfare work Mr. Patterson disclaims any desire to manage the affairs of his employees or to sully his actions with the word "charity." It is put down as a sound business policy, calculated to come back into the coffers of the company in actual profits.

As to the conditions in "Slidertown," to undertake to cure them would have been too large an undertaking even for so great an organizer as Mr. Patterson. The best way to accomplish an improvement there, would be for the factory to set a good example of sightliness. As new buildings were constructed, following the expansion of the business, they were constructed with an idea of utility and beauty combined. Glass and steel took the place of wood. Light entered at every angle; vines wound themselves about the doorways and covered the walls with a cloak of green; window-boxes gay with flowers seemed to beckon to the house-holders in the vicinity to do likewise. The grounds around the building were laid out with care by one of the foremost landscape gardeners of the country, forming in themselves an object lesson in beauty. Little by little Slidertown reformed itself. Prizes were offered for the most ornamental premises; boys were stimulated to spend their summer leisure in raising vegetables; a garden club was formed, where boys not only learned from an expert how to plant and cultivate but how to market their products and bank their earnings. Welfare work had broadened into community garden work and other localities in the city, fired by the successes of the boy gardeners of South Park (the new name for Slidertown) offered vacant lots for cultivation and the enthusiasm spread. Visitors from out of town took from the interior and exterior of the Cash Register factory ideas for the improvement of their own communities and homes.

Next to the main office building of the N. C. R. stands an imposing building with a pillared front looking like anything but a schoolhouse. This name was given to it because here is where the workers go to school. Not at desks with tasks given them but to take in with eye and ear the best that the world offers of information. Mr. Patterson recognizes that most of his workers have not had advanced educational opportunities; in this building he aims to supply at least that general information which goes to the equipment of an intelligent man or woman.

Every noon hour sees the 1,200 seats in the audience room fill up with workers from the shops, who sometimes bring their luncheons

and eat them there, or come after luncheon has been served in the dining-hall. During the hour between whistles something interesting is always going on in the schoolhouse. A speaker direct from the seat of war gives his personal experiences to those who are making the weapons of war; an eminent authority on economics gives the gist of a book he has just put through the press; an official of the Red Cross, or the Juvenile Court or the Board of Health, or the Playground association will tell his particular story of accomplishment. The Pathe films are shown—in themselves an education in geography or history. A children's orchestra plays popular selections. Always there is instruction, entertainment and inspiration at the N. C. R. schoolhouse at the noon hour.

Someone said, and he was not far wrong, that to be an employe at the "Cash" (as it is popularly called) was a liberal education and came next to a college course.

Mr. Patterson has a fad which is one worth while—it is good health. No man can be successful or happy without it and it is, generally speaking, to be attained by the expenditure of a certain amount of trouble and self-denial. The clear eye, good color and erect figure of Mr. Patterson are the best proofs of his argument. At seventy-three he can outwalk, outride, and outwork almost any man of his own age. He believes in early hours, physical exercise, abstinence from liquor and tobacco, simple food, frequent bathing and outdoor recreation.

Here again he does not preach without practising. He knows that to people of moderate means the country as rich people enjoy it is an impossibility, therefore he first establishes log camps in the hills south of town supplied with all that is necessary for cooking and serving a party of twenty, and when the habit of going there is fully established he presents to his fellow-citizens a tract of 320 acres of ground upon which there is a clubhouse, golf links, tennis courts, bathing and wading pools—in short a country club, all of which may be enjoyed for the modest sum of one dollar for the season.

His beautiful tract of woodland known as Hills and Dales is open to the public at all times, while his 1100-acre estate, Far Hills, is a real playground for the people of Dayton. Horseback riding is encouraged for all who can afford it, it being one of Mr. Patterson's chief enjoyments.

In the matter of philanthropy Mr. Patterson differs greatly from other men of wealth. Never does he send spectacular checks to existing charitable organizations; his theory seems to be that of Emerson that "He who gives me something does me a low benefit; he who helps me to get something for myself does me a high benefit." To help others to do something for themselves is Mr. Patterson's aim in life. To open doors of knowledge and opportunity to those who never would have seen out into the world; to send promising young people on trips to larger cities where new impressions are forced into their minds; to aid ambitious teachers to hear and see those higher teachers that their work might profit; to help his employees to come in contact with other minds, other

manners, other standards, in all these ways has Mr. Patterson been a real force in the world.

In stating that he has not contributed to charitable work is not to say that his means have been denied to large public benefits. His contributions to set in motion the forces that resulted in getting a charter and a new city government for Dayton are well known; also how he stimulated the organization of the Bureau of municipal resource; the conservation fund, how during the flood his factory organization lent itself with instant service to the building of boats, the rescuing of refugees, the housing of homeless families; how he paid all running expenses of the vacation gardens for two years. He has contributed in thousands of unknown dollars to help schools, churches, clubs. Wherever he has seen the instinct to help the community he has helped that organization when he has seen organizations working solely for their own good he has let them alone.

Moreover he expects that the money he expends in such help shall have a tangible result. If he sends a girl out of his factory to a club convention he expects she will come home and give all the other girls the benefit of what she had seen and heard. If he gives new equipment to a school he wants to see the boys and girls profit by it; if to a church he wants to see it work out in practical good to the community. He shares and he expects other to do the same. People who do not understand this principle never get any more favors from Mr. Patterson.

Mention has been made of his public services during the flood. For some weeks during that terrifying catastrophe Mr. Patterson was not officially, but practically, city manager of Dayton. He was elected by Governor Cox as the one man equal to grappling with chaos; he was made chairman of a committee of five to administer the city affairs and control the situation. His orders to the citizens were like his orders in the factory and were similarly carried out. Everybody had to help. No sightseers, no slackers, no private automobiles, no private supplies, were allowed. He required of every man and woman in Dayton just what he required of himself,—the giving of every hour, every ounce of strength, every dollar to cleaning up the city and bringing human life back to its normal conditions. He worked with Secretary of War Garrison, General Wood, Major Rhoades, aide-de-camp of President Wilson, Dr. Devine of the Red Cross society, but among all these eminent national characters Mr. Patterson was the leader, because he knew Dayton conditions and Dayton people and possessed the practical business foresight.

On Sunday, the 25th of May following the flood, 500 citizens were invited to meet at the N. C. R. hall. None were told the object of the meeting, but the outcome of it was no surprise. It was to raise a voluntary subscription for flood prevention. His vision of the needs of this valley for future protection against the unruly Miami were far-reaching and comprehensive. What he said at that meeting will never be forgotten. To make a long story short, the money was raised and the valley is safe, but it never would have been done if one strong will and large-visioned soul had not taken the lead. The appreciation of his fellow-citizens for this action was

evinced at the special election held to select commissioners to draft a new city charter. He received more than 15,000 votes, the largest number cast for any candidate.

Not until he has passed away will the citizens of Dayton recognize how much he has controlled thought and imparted new ideas. No one will deny that in some matters he has been a pioneer educating the community in habits it never had before. Only a few of these can be enumerated here. First in health; young men who are employed by him are obliged, whether they want to or not, to hear talks on diet, hygiene, abstinence, regularity, exercise and fresh air. He has caused to be taken about the country a lecture by Dr. Barr which is a revelation of things not usually talked about and by which he hopes to safeguard the health of young men. When the war broke out this lecture was taken up by the United States government and conducted at all the concentration camps as a warning and an education. Employees in large factories all over the country have heard this vitally plain talk fully illustrated by the stereopticon.

Another lecture which succeeded in informing hundreds of thousands of people of the causes and needs of the war was called "Wake Up America." There were six outfits traveling all the time for six months and it is estimated that as a course of education in patriotism it was never excelled by all that was done at that time.

It is a great idea of Mr. Patterson to instruct people in the needs of the community for better schools, cleaner streets, more parks and playgrounds, tree planting and gardens. He has lectures on these subjects which are given at the factory five days in every week in the year and travel extensively. Hundreds of people come every month to hear this lecture and take home with them the ideas it inculcates to be used in their own homes.

Business Efficiency is not included under the title of the lecture on "The Troubles of a Merchant" for that is mere advertising and so given, but his general instruction to his salesmen on such matters as promptness, efficiency, how to present an idea to a customer; how to know his product, how to keep looking "fit," how to dress his display window, how to know when to stop talking, are all not only interesting to an outsider but a practical textbook of advice to any young business man.

In the N. C. R. factory there is nothing less easily excused in the force than any discourtesy. From the top down all employees are polite, respectful; there is no gumchewing, no horse play, no spitting, no loud talk, no shirt sleeves. It is a model to all manufacturing plants in this respect.

A great lover of out-of-doors Mr. Patterson has made it possible for everybody to go to the hills and woods for recreation. He has built log camps in Hills and Dales and stocked them with furnishings sufficient for the cooking and serving of a meal for twenty people. The use of these has been turned over to the city, but for several years they were kept up for the use of the public who took enormous and grateful advantage of the privilege.

The factory furnishes many varieties of seeds and plants for people wishing to plant gardens and also conducts the gardens themselves near the factory; offering prizes to those raising the largest

vegetables, showing moving pictures of the gardeners at work and stimulating in every way the beautification of the country-side. Mr. Patterson was the pioneer in establishing vacant lot gardens in America.

The leading principal in education Mr. Patterson believes is teaching by the eye. Therefore he makes large use of the stereopticon. No one in America has so steadily kept this idea before people who are in a position to teach. Foreigners who come to visit the factory are always impressed with the universal use made of the film to impart facts.

Mr. Patterson has traveled extensively and visited almost every country in the world, has crossed the desert with the Arabs, crossed the mountains with guides and encircled the globe.

His membership in national organizations includes the National League for Social Service, the National Association of Manufacturers, the National Association for Foreign Commerce, the National Association for the Promotion of Industrial Education, the Albany Burgesses corps, and the Dartmouth club. He has been awarded twice in recognition of his services for humanity, once in the Paris Exposition of 1900, when he received the decoration of the Legion of Honor from the French government; once in 1913 by the American Museum of Safety with the Dr. Louis Livingston Seaman gold medal for progress and achievement in industrial hygiene and safety.

In December, 1888, he married Katharine Dudley Beck, daughter of Frederick Beck, of Brookline, Mass., and Lucy (Doane) Beck. The result of this union was two children: a son and a daughter; Frederick Beck Patterson and Dorothy Forster Patterson (now Mrs. Noble Brandon Judah). Mrs. Patterson died some years ago. Frederick Patterson and Major Judah were both in active service in the war.

The National Cash Register Company, with the smallest of possible beginnings, with a capital that even in the business world of thirty years ago would have been called trifling; with meager credit and two entirely inexperienced young men to run it, has progressed in the marvelous development which now ranks it as one of the great manufacturing plants of the world.

As has been told in the sketches of The Patterson brothers, John H. and Francis J., at their general store in the mining town of Coalton, Ohio, discovered that with a large output of business, sometimes reaching the production of a hundred carloads of coal a day, they were not only not making money but were actually losing it. This situation, after three years of hard work was discouraging. John H., who always thinks out his problems, became convinced that the loss was due to carelessness and inaccuracy in handling money.

Just as they had reached this conclusion a new contrivance was shown them, the invention of Jacob Ritty to whom the original patent had been issued in 1879. This machine claimed to register sales and receipts. Two were purchased and put into operation in the company's store. Immediately the business began to yield a substantial increase of profits. The success of the register so im-

pressed the Patterson brothers that they saw the possibilities that lay in its improvement and manufacture.

A small company with Mr. Ritty at the head had been organized for its manufacture and in this company the two Pattersons became stockholders. They finally bought out the entire business, starting operations with a capital of $15,000.

At present the National Cash Register company has a capital of $9,000,000 of common stock and $1,000,000 of preferred stock; but this is getting ahead of the story.

The first Cash Register factory was a part of the second floor of an old warehouse on Fifth street where Mr. Ritty had attempted to get the machine perfected, but failed for want of sufficient capital. In 1882, the interests were bought out by the National Manufacturing company and the plant somewhat enlarged. It was from this shop that were sent the first two machines to the company's store at Coalton. Crude and defective as they were they succeeded in impressing the brothers with a sense of the possibilities locked up in them. What was good for one store, they argued, could be not less valuable to all stores. So they gave up mining coal and turned to making cash registers.

Within a short time new quarters had to be found to meet the increased demands and the site chosen was a farm in the southern limits of the city, which belonged to the Patterson brothers and where they had lived as boys. Until 1892, the business prospered and prospets were bright for the company. Then a blow fell in the return to the factory of a number of defective machines. The registers had been properly designed and carefully constructed. In seeking to account for the misfortune a number of conditions were unearthed, all of which bore more or less on the required perfection of quality of the output.

In the first place living conditions among the employees were not what they should be. This was remedied in the manner described in that part of the biographical sketch of Mr. Patterson which treats of welfare work.

Then there was appalling waste of raw material in every department of the plant; waste of time through talking in working hours, waste of benzine, men "soldiered" at their benches; disorder in the offices meant delays of various sorts; there was no organization and consequently no team play.

A complete plan of reorganization was enforced; a system of teaching through the eye by means of stereopticon slides was instituted showing the employees how they could co-operate with the company and bring order out of chaos. This was known as the school of industrial education. Men were inspired to work not only with their arms and hands but with their brains, in direct opposition to the old idea that a man in a factory is simply an unthinking cog in a machine.

Such teachings produced results which were not long in bringing the product of the factory up to the required pitch and consequently in improving the personal tone of both the working force and the company. Before this, the organization was like an inverted pyramid with the management at the bottom, doing all of the plan-

ning and thinking and holding up by sheer force of will all the rest of the concern. After the new fashion the pyramid was stood, as it should be, on its base, with the people carrying on and the management at the top free to plan and execute.

The distinctive policy of the company has been "100 per cent efficiency," or as it is colloquially put, "Good enough is not good enough for us." To this end no expense has been too great to be unhesitatingly involved. The initial outlay was naturally for inventions and experiments. As early as 1885 the relatively large sum of $7,000 had been expended to bring the little machine to its highest perfection. In 1908, the amount thus spent was over $260,000, and during that year it was estimated that the company had maintained five experimental departments employing a corps of skilled inventors and 103 skilled mechanics doing experimental work alone.

During the year 1915, the number of cash registers sold by the company since its formation passed the million and a half mark. The proprietory rights are protected by 2,300 patents, and 279 styles and sizes of registers are made for use in every kind of business in almost every country of the world. Not only the European countries have their registers made for them, but China, Japan, Australia, Ceylon, Brazil, Chile, and Siberia. The registers are sold from the North Cape to the Cape of Good Hope and from Alaska to Cape Horn. Forty-five per cent of those manufactured are exported and literally encircle the globe. These machines range in price from as low as $65 to as high as $1,250.

When the factory is operated to its full capacity the number of employees is nearly 8,000, the pay roll being $125,000 weekly. The quantities of raw material consumed are enormous considering the relatively small size of the manufactured product. In 1912, ten and one-half million pounds of steel were used, nearly five million pounds of foundry metal, six and one-half million pounds of gray iron castings, over three million pounds of copper, seven million feet of lumber and nearly forty-one thousand tons of coal to operate the plant.

The factory site covers seventy-four city blocks and there are eighteen buildings with a floor space of approximately forty acres. The structures are of steel and reinforced concrete and are connected by tunnels so that one may pass through the entire plant without going out-of-doors. Four-fifths of the wall space is of glass. The most scrupulous adherence is given to the latest and most approved principles of convenience, sanitation and fire control.

Long before the Minimum Wage law was passed the lowest salary paid by the N. C. R. company was $9.00 per week. The eight-hour day is in operation there. As to profit sharing the idea has been worked out most effectively by Mr. Patterson and the other shareholders. Thirty-five officials have twelve and one-half per cent of the yearly net profits divided among them in ratio of their salaries; one hundred and seventy-five department heads and foreman have ten per cent divided among them; two hundred and seventy-five assistant department heads and job foremen are given seven and one-half per cent. Thus thirty per cent of all the earnings of the company is given to encourage and reward the effort of those responsible

for the work. Also the salesmen are awarded generous bonuses when they exceed the sales quota given them.

Another innovation of Mr. Patterson's is the "Suggestion Bureau." Employees are encouraged to give the management the result of the ideas which come to them in the course of their own work. When a man's suggestion is adopted he is substantially rewarded. Twice a year a meeting is held at which the prizes are awarded and speeches made to encourage the working morale of the factory. $2,400 is thus divided every year among the fortunate workers in sums ranging from $1 to $100. Thus there are six thousand brains, six thousand hearts, twelve thousand eyes, twelve thousand hands all working to help themselves and the business.

Mr. Patterson believes in what he calls "getting together." To this end numerous clubs and societies have been formed among the employees of the N. C. R. The Women's Century club composed of women employees of the N. C. R. maintain a clubhouse where they may spend their vacations at a minimum cost and also presents monthly program of wide interest. For the residents of South park, that reconstructed district, there is the Rubicon club which enjoys the privileges of a clubhouse presented by Mr. Patterson. Subjects of public interest are discussed by members of the club or by outside speakers every week.

The boys' Garden company, incorporated, consists of the boys who cultivate the gardens around the factory buildings. The boys' furniture company manufactures birdhouses, and small pieces of furniture out of the packing cases which are rejected by the shops. All these are real organizations with regularly elected presidents, boards of directors and stockholders.

The former city residence of Mr. Patterson on West First street, a commodious three-story structure has been given over to the meetings of the N. C. R. City club, and the N. C. R. Women's club and other organizations who may need its hospitable rooms. In the rear of the lot has been erected community hall, an adjunct of the club which is offered rent free to any organizations which have no other meeting-place. It has become a center of all that is best, culturally and educationally, in Dayton.

Co-operative classes for N. C. R. apprentices were organized several years ago. They include boys and young men who spend alternately one week in the high school under special teachers and one week in the factory, thus giving them opportunity to complete their school course while learning their trade. From high school they proceed to the university of Cincinnati, spending alternately two weeks in the classroom and two in the shop.

The factory possesses a small but well-selected library which is open at all times to the workers and to the people in the neighborhood.

A most remarkable printing and binding department is conducted for the publicity purposes of the business, forty-seven presses of the most modern makes being in constant use. In 1912, nearly six million pounds of paper were consumed—enough to supply a twelve-page newspaper with a circulation of a hundred thousand daily for the period of a year. There is a large circulating library

maintained for the benefit of employees who testify by their continued patronage of its shelves in the value they find there.

As to the register itself, the end and aim of all this remarkable organization, much may be said technically which experts would understand, but for those who see its workings in every store they enter it is sufficient to say that its apparent intelligence is almost human. A merchant at the end of a week's absence from his place of business, may consult his register and find out every thing that has transpired in his absence; the number of sales, the amount of cash represented, the clerk conducting the sale, the kind of sales (whether charge or cash; send, or take or paid on account), and in each case has given to the customer a printed receipt which records the transaction and renders argument futile. When first introduced to the commercial world there was some misapprehension in regard to it, especially on the part of employees, who felt as soon as a register was purchased and placed in the store that their integrity was under suspicion; but it soon became plain that the little machine was a check on every body involved; on the customer to prevent fault-finding; on the clerk against unjust accusation of dishonesty and the proprietor against carelessness and loss.

Each machine is a marvel of mechanical precision, being composed on several thousand minute parts, all working with accuracy. The cheapest register merely gives the total amount of the day's sales; the most expensive gives account of the sales of each clerk, total amount of all sales; gives number and kind of special transactions such as charged on account, received on account or paid out; prints a duplicate of each transaction on a detail slip for the private use of the proprietor and a printed receipt, one for the store and one for the customer.

It would be unjust to the army of most efficient salesmen to say the cash register sells itself. And yet, such are its advantages that no merchant can afford to be without one. In its absence a store is as incomplete as without counters or office desk. But the company does not depend upon this for the marketing of its wares. More perhaps than in any other manufacturing concern is attention given to instruction in scientific salesmanship. A school is maintained where young men are trained in the proper way of meeting prospective customers, how to lead up to the proposition of a sale, how to explain the advantages of the different kinds of registers, when to stop talking to the man and begin with his wife, how to present arguments for the positive improvement of profits against the cost of the register, and so forth.

At certain intervals the salesmen from all over the world are called to Dayton (generally with their wives), and in convention are led to exchange experiences and hear of the improvement in the registers and in the management of the company's business. The idea throughout has been to emphasize the fact of co-operation as between partners instead of the ordinary relations of employers and employed. It is therefore not only the perfection of their product, but the wise handling of the sales department that has carried this company's products to the farthest ends of the earth.

During the recent war the factory, like so many others, changed its output and although registers were still being manufactured, preference was given to airplane parts and pistols for use at the front.

Hon. Robert C. Patterson. Among the honored residents of Dayton is Robert C. Patterson. Judge Patterson has advanced to a prominent position at the Montgomery county bar, and his reputation is not limited to the confines of this locality. He is a Montgomery county product, having been born on a farm in Jefferson township, May 9, 1873, a son of William J. and Anna (Ford) Patterson. William J. Patterson was born in 1831 in Ireland, and as a youth of nineteen years sought his fortune in the land across the waters, establishing his home in 1850 in Montgomery county, Ohio. He was a hard and industrious worker and was employed variously on farms until the Civil war period, when his career was interrupted for a short space of time by the demands of the crises. He was sergeant of Company C, 131st Ohio regiment, National Guard, for 100-days service, but was not called upon to go to the front. Returning to his farm, he passed the remainder of his life as a tiller of the soil, and his intelligent and well-managed activities resulted in the gaining of a satisfying share of worldly goods, while his integrity and honorable mode of living brought him friendship and esteem in his community. Mrs. Patterson, who came to America from Ireland when still a small child, also passed the rest of her life on the farm and was greatly respected among her neighbors, being a woman of many sterling qualities. Until he was eighteen years of age, Robert C. Patterson remained on the home farm, dividing his time between assisting his father and in gaining an education. He first attended the district schools and later acquired the advantages to be gained by attendance at the Steele High school, Dayton, from which he was duly graduated in 1895. Having determined upon a career in the profession of law, he entered the Cincinnati Law school, from which he was graduated with his degree two years later, and in the same year, 1897, was admitted to the bar. Mr. Patterson began his career as a legist at Dayton, opening an office in this city in partnership with J. C. Patterson and Barry S. Murphy. Later Mr. Barry withdrew, but the two Messrs. Patterson remained in association until the death of J. C. Patterson, March 21, 1905, since which time Robert C. Patterson has practised alone. Judge Patterson is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and of the Knights of Pythias. With his family, he belongs to the Presbyterian church. He was married October 9, 1906, to Katharine M. Ryan, of Dayton, a daughter of John Ryan, who was at one time marshal of this city, but is now deceased.

Dr. Samuel Roy Patterson. In few of the special branches of the medical science have there been greater or more rapid developments made than in the field of X-ray treatment and electro-therapy. Many of the most skilled and learned physicians of the country have come to place the utmost confidence in these agencies for the prevention, treatment and cure of disease, and many are specializing in these directions, as in the case of Dr. Samuel Roy Patterson, one of the practical and prominent practitioners of Dayton. Doctor Pat-

terson was born in this city October 7, 1884, a son of William A. and Martha (Klunk) Patterson, and received his early education in the public schools. After his graduation from the Centerville High school he enrolled as a student at the Detroit College of Medicine and Surgery, following which he also pursued a course of study at the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor. At this time he became interested in that branch of electrical science which treats of the effect of an electric current as a curative agent, and when he entered practice it was as a devotee of eletro-therapy and a specialist in the use of the X-ray in the treatment of chronic diseases. He has built up a large and representative practice and is accounted to be one of the most skilled of Dayton's specialists in his particular line of medical science. Doctor Patterson has a number of important connections in professional, business, civic and school circles, and occupies a place of confidence among his professional brethren and the public at large. He was married October 21, 1908, to Blanche, daughter of William and Callie (Hammon) Michael, of Dayton.

Carl G. Paull. Possibly there is no better indication of a man's real worth than the opinion entertained for him on the part of his business associates, those who have been identified with him in facing the problems of life and along similar channels have worked by his side understandingly. No city has had better types of business citizens than Dayton has found during the past decade, and during this time one who has built up a reputation and at the same time has won worthily the confidence and high esteem of his colleagues is Carl G. Paull. While he came to Dayton only in 1911 and has been engaged in the real estate business for but five years, he has gained a place of prominence as vice-president and treasurer of the Domestic Investment company, having made the most of his opportunities in a way that at once bespeaks his capacity for handling business situations, his quick perceptions and rapidity of judgment and action, and his worthiness and integrity in the handling of trusts and in his dealings with his associates. Mr. Paull comes of an old agricultural family of Greene county, Ohio, and was born on the family homestead there April 1, 1882. He was educated in the rural schools, and the whole part of his boyhood, youth and early manhood were passed amid agricultural surroundings and atmosphere, so that he developed such capacity for affairs in the commercial world is somewhat surprising. He remained on the home place until he was twenty-nine years of age, when, tiring of farm life, he came to Dayton. Here he secured a position with the C. H. & D railway, with which he continued to be identified for two years. It was as a railroad man that Mr. Paull began to be interested in the real estate business, but he soon found that he could not handle the two enterprises together, and wisely chose realty dealing, beginning business on his own account in 1913. Not long thereafter he became identified with the Domestic Investment company in the platting of Hoover Park. This is a firm incorporated at $10,000, and has the following officers: George F. Kern, president; Carl G. Paull, vice-president and treasurer, and Howard S. Smith, secretary. In addition to his connection with this concern, Mr.

Paull carries on a general brokerage business in real estate, his offices being located at 704 Conover building.

James F. Perrine. Prominent among the old and honored families of Dayton whose active careers were passed in the encouragement and development of some of the city's important industries, but who are now spending the evening of their lives in contented retirement, is found James F. Perrine. From the year 1875 until his retirement, in 1908, Mr. Perrine kept in close touch with leading business matters, and his splendid abilities were exerted in behalf of several concerns which rose to be recognized factors in industrial and commercial affairs. Mr. Perrine is a product of the agricultural community of Clark county, Ohio, where he was born on a farm near New Carlisle, his parents being Garrett and Margaret (Forgy) Perrine. Garrett Perrine was born in New Jersey in 1811 and was an infant of one year when brought by his father, John Perrine, to Dayton. Here he passed his boyhood and attended the public schools, following which he worked for a time on his father's farm. Later, for a short period, he turned his attentions to school teaching, but eventually settled down to farming in Clark county, where he rounded out an honorable and useful career and died March 1, 1889. His widow, who survived him, passed away at Franklin, Ohio, November 27, 1890. They were the parents of six children, as follows: John V. and Mary Minerva, deceased; James F., subject of this review; and Thornton Mills, Sarah Alice and Charles Edwin, all deceased. James F. Perrine grew up on his father's farm and attended the rural schools of Clark county, remaining under the parental roof until reaching his majority. When he came to choose a vocation agricultural work did not appeal to him, and instead he went to Osborne, Ohio, where he secured employment as clerk in a general store. Later he was identified with a dry goods venture at Springfield, Ohio, and when he disposed of his interests there, in 1875, came to Dayton and became one of the incorporators of the Woodsum Machine company, of which he was secretary for several years. He then purchased the business and founded the Dayton Engine works, which he conducted with great success until 1908, at that time selling his interests and retiring from active affairs. During the active years of his life Mr. Perrine was accounted a shrewd, farsighted, thorough and absolutely reliable man of business. His associates looked to him for counsel, advice and leadership, and rarely indeed was his judgment found in fault. While Mr. Perrine never held a political office, yet during Governor Harmon's administration he was chosen by the Governor to represent the manufacturers of the state on the Workmen's Compensation Board. However, because the duties of his office would take him away from Dayton, he declined to serve. He has been a member of the First Presbyterian church of Dayton since 1878, and for several years has been ruling elder, and was superintendent of Sunday school for twenty-five years. He also has had the honor of being twice chosen by Dayton Presbytery a commissioner to meeting of General Assembly, and four times chosen a delegate to meeting of Ohio Synod, the two highest courts of the church. November 14, 1871, Mr. Perrine was united in marriage with Julia Massey, daughter of Charles and

Alida (Massey) Lee, of Osborne, Ohio. To this union there was born one daughter: Alida Lee, who was married June 8, 1898, to Herbert C. Robison, of Dayton, and died May 31, 1899, leaving an infant daughter, Julia Lee, who makes her home with her grandparents and father in the attractive residence at No. 229 N. Jefferson street.

Walter Pettibone. In the person of Walter Pettibone the energetic and progressive president and treasurer of the Pettibone-McLean company, is found another exemplification of the value of industry and determination when directed intelligently along a given line of endeavor. Mr. Pettibone commenced his career at the bottom of the ladder and within the period of a comparatively short span of years has placed himself in a position where his influence is felt at Dayton in his particular field of endeavor. He was born at Pittsburg, Pa., July 14, 1889, and as a lad was taken by his parents to Cincinnati, where he secured his education in the graded and high schools. On leaving the latter he became an errand boy for the book store of Robert Clarke company, and through his energy, fidelity and general ability advanced himself in ten years to the position of buyer. Resigning his position, he came to Dayton in 1917, and October 1 of that year was one of the founders of the Guiney-Pettibone company, a $10,000 concern, of which he was vice-president and treasurer, and Edward Guiney, president and secretary. This business was established at its present location, No. 23 W. Second street, to handle books, stationery, school supplies, gifts, etc., and continued to be conducted under the same management until December, 1917, when Mr. Guiney disposed of his interests to Mr. Pettibone. In the following month Charles McLean bought an interest in the business and became a partner, as well as vice-president and secretary, Mr. Pettibone then assuming the duties of president and treasurer. In July, 1919, the name of the business was changed to its present style, the Pettibone-McLean company. Four people now are employed and the establishment is doing an excellent business, having built up its patronage through a progressive policy of fair dealing and use of modern ideas. The conduct of his business has enlisted Mr. Pettibone's energy and attention to the exclusion of other matters, but he takes an interest in civic affairs and is a public-spirited and useful member of his community. September 7, 1914, he married Miss Norma Beebe Holmes, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and they have one son: Robert Holmes. The family attend the Second Church of Christ, Scientist.

John A. Pfanner, secretary and treasurer, and part owner of the Thresher Varnish company, and who has devoted practically his entire life to one line of endeavor, is a native son of the Gem city, and was born March 8, 1866, his parents being Philip and Margaret (Houck) Pfanner. The family was founded at Dayton about the year 1860, and here Philip Pfanner followed his vocation of barber until his retirement, after which he lived quietly in his comfortable home until his death, in April, 1917. Mrs. Pfanner survives him and resides in this city. After attending the public schools of Dayton, John A. Pfanner took a course in Wilt's Commercial college, and on graduating therefrom accepted employment in a drug store,

where he worked for several years. He was also employed for two years in the Fourth National bank, but in 1890 resigned his position to enter the employ of the Thresher Varnish company. Starting as a bookkeeper, he has steadily advanced and now is one of the principal members of the firm and has the titles of secretary and treasurer. The Thresher Varnish company was founded as E. Thresher & Company at 200 Keowee street, in 1859, its originators being Charles F. Tower and Ebenezer and J. B. Thresher. This partnership continued until 1867, when Mr. Tower withdrew, and in the following year E. M. Thresher became a member of the firm, Albert Thresher being admitted in 1871. January 1, 1874, Ebenezer, one of the founders, withdrew, at which time the business became Thresher & Company. In January, 1902, H. C. Hopkins and J. A. Pfanner were admitted as members of the firm, which assumed the name of Thresher Varnish company, and was incorporated for $200,000, with the following officials: J. B. Thresher, president; E. M. Thresher, vice-president and superintendent; Albert Thresher, secretary and treasurer, and H. C. Hopkins, assistant secretary. Early in 1910 some changes were made in the official titles, as follows: J. B. Thresher, president; E. M. Thresher, vice-president; Albert Thresher, treasurer; H. C. Hopkins, secretary, and J. A. Pfanner, assistant treasurer; and in April of the same year E. M. Thresher succeeded to the presidency and Mr. Pfanner to the office of treasurer. May 23, 1912, Herbert C. Hopkins and John A. Pfanner bought the concern and the officers are now: Herbert C. Hopkins, president and manager; John A. Pfanner, secretary and treasurer, and C. L. Sullivan, jr., sales manager, Mr. Sullivan having been admitted as a member of the firm in 1915. Further data concerning the Thresher Varnish company will be found in the sketch of H. C. Hopkins, elsewhere in this work. Integrity has been his watchword and is one of the fundamental principles of his character, and he thus enjoys the absolute confidence of all with whom he comes in contact. He is a consistent member of the First Lutheran church, and his political beliefs make him an adherent of the Republican party. Mr. Pfanner married Miss Harriet A. John, daughter of William John, of Dayton, and they are the parents of four children: Robert, who was with the American Expeditionary Force in France, and Louise, Eugene and John A., jr., at home.

William Pflum, president of the Insurance Credit System company and of the Economy Mutual Casualty company, is a Dayton business man whose activities in affairs of importance have been numerous and widely extended and whose standing in manufacturing and insurance circles is of the highest. He is a native son of Dayton, and was born September 28, 1869, his parents being Jacob and Louise (Nauerth) Pflum, natives of Germany, the latter being born near the Swiss border. The parents came to the United States as children, and met and were married at Dayton, where Jacob Pflum was for some years the proprietor of an old-time tavern, located on Market street. Later he disposed of his interests in that caravansery and established himself in the queensware business on Fifth street, became known as a substantial and reliable business man, and acquired a modest competence through his activities in

business affairs. He died in 1909, while Mrs. Pflum survived him until 1911, both passing away in the faith of the Lutheran church, of which they were lifelong members. They were the parents of the following children: Louise, Lizzie and Georgiana, all residents of San Francisco, Cal.; Louis Victor, of Mill City, Neb.; Carrie of San Francisco, and Minnie, the widow of Ernst V. Shaw, of that city. After attending the public schools of Dayton, William Pflum prepared himself for a commercial career by a course in Wilt's Business college. At that time he entered the employ of the National Cash Register company, and during the next twenty-five years remained with that concern, where his advancement was consistent with his constantly increasing abilities and value. He started in the employ of this concern as an office clerk, and was later advanced to the bookkeeping department, his next step being to the treasurer's department, where he continued to make strides forward. Eventually he became treasurer and traveling auditor of the concern, from which positions he stepped into the vice-presidency and general managership. During a quarter of a century of faithful service he became one of the most highly efficient and implicitly trusted men in his line of endeavor. When he resigned from the concern with which he had been identified for so many years, Mr. Pflum went to Springfield, Ohio, where he became interested in manufacturing, and still has important holdings in the Burke company and the J. O. Heinze company, of that city. In November, 1918, he became president of the Insurance Credit System company, formerly the Ingle Systems company, engaged in the manufacture of a system for the handling of credit accounts. The capital stock of this concern is $150,000, and besides Mr. Pflum the officials are: E. H. Ingle, vice-president, and J. H. Schierloh, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Pflum is a business man of substantial worth, whose judgment is sound and sagacity keen, and the simple weight of his character and ability has carried him into important relations. In business life he has always followed constructive measures, to build up rather than to destroy being his broad policy. Mr. Pflum is a York and Scottish Rite Mason of the thirty-second degree and a Shriner, and belongs to the Dayton club. His religious affiliation is with Christ Episcopal church, of which he is a vestryman and a member of the finance committee. April 30, 1896, Mr. Pflum was married to Miss Kate E. Smyth, daughter of Sidney B. and Catherine (Breene) Smyth, of Dayton, and to this union there have been born three children: Catherine L., William Gale and Sidney S., all residing with their parents.

David L. Pickrel, jr. The acknowledged prestige of citizens of this country in almost every branch of human achievement is largely due to a spirit of advancement that urges them always onward. The possession of this ambition to gain imposing pre-eminence is shared by all who attain to distinction. The humblest laborer may develop into a man of high standing, provided he possesses the ability to forge ahead, and many a life has been reconstructed from small beginnings. Of the men of Dayton who have been the architects of their own fortunes and who, starting their careers in humble capacities, have worked their way unaided to the top, few have led lives

of more illustrative value than has David L. Pickrel, jr., president of the North Dayton Savings bank. He was not born with a silver spoon in his mouth, nor were his advantages out of the ordinary in his youth, but has made the most of his opportunities and his ambition and energy have led to noteworthy achievements. Mr. Pickrel was born at Jackson, Ohio, July 21, 1880, and was a child when brought by his parents to Dayton. Here he attended the graded schools and the Steele High school, and subsequently, in order to prepare himself for a commercial career, took a course at Jacobs' Business college. When he left that institution he secured employment with the Dayton News, but soon decided that he was not so patterned as to be a newspaper man and resigned his position to give his services to the Dayton Supply company, a concern by which he was employed for six years. When he left that house, in 1906, it was to embark in the plumbing business on his own account, and during the twelve years that followed he has built up an enterprise that makes it one of the recognized commercial assets of the community. Mr. Pickrel has never been one to neglect opportunities when they have presented themselves, so in 1909, when there was a chance offered to assist in the organization of the North Dayton Savings bank, he considered it a good investment and bought stock, his associates being J. N. Lemmon, who was made cashier; Dr. F. A. Duckwall, who still holds the position of vice-president to which he was elected at the time of organization; Philip Hock; Joseph Kramer, the first president; Fred Lauterbach, George Schutzler, S. H. Thal, J. B. Zehnder, Dr. R. A. Bunn, George V. Geis and George H. Kramer. The bank was incorporated for $25,000, and a building was bought and remodeled, this being the first bank in Dayton to own its own building and property. Mr. Lemmon was serving as cashier of the bank when his death occurred, and he was succeeded by A. C. Jackson, who acted in that capacity until June, 1916, when Ferdinand H. Stachler, who had been assistant cashier from the time of the organization, assumed the cashiership, he being succeeded by Charles T. Weber. Mr. Duckwall continues as vice-president, and Mr. Pickrel has been president since the retirement of Mr. Kramer. In this capacity he has shown financial ability of a high order and has done much to improve the standing of the institution, which is now firmly established in public confidence as one of the strong banking houses of the Miami valley. In 1909, at the closing of business, there were but $78,000.00 in deposits, but since then they have run as high as $715,000.00, and there are now over 3,500 depositors, and nearly $650,000.00 in deposits. The statement of the condition of the North Dayton Savings bank at the close of business December 31, 1917, showed the following: Resources—Loans and discounts, $304,892.52; stocks and bonds, $246,989.36; real estate, $12,324.30; furniture and fixtures, $2,200; cash and due from banks, $128,641.83; total, $695,048.01. Liabilities—Capital stock, $25,000.; surplus, $17,000.; undivided profits, $2,408.30; deposits, $649,639.71; dividend account, $1,000. The bank handles accounts of corporations and individuals; pays interest on time deposits, rents safety boxes, and has one of the most complete foreign departments in the city of Dayton. The banking house is located at

Ohio and Valley streets. Mr. Pickrel married, in 1903, Stella M. Young, of Dayton, and they are the parents of eight children, four boys and four girls. He belongs to the Masonic lodge, the Greater Dayton association and the Plumbers' association, and takes an interest in all affairs pertaining to the welfare of his city, having joined a number of movements which have made for progress and the stamping out of civic abuses.

George H. Pieper. One of the latest recruits to the ranks of real estate and insurance men of Dayton, George H. Pieper, has already secured a firm foothold and bids fair to develop into one of the most prominent of the city's operators. A peculiar and particular genius is necessary to the man who would acquire success in this field, or rather in the combined field, for the two businesses are generally found linked together. The business is like unto no other, and many men who have risen to prominence in other lines have scored naught but failure when they have entered this field. Mr. Pieper, however, possesses the essential qualities of acumen, a pleasing personality and a thorough knowledge of human nature, and with these as his stock in trade has already achieved a creditable success. Mr. Pieper, who is now associated with Mr Booker, of the Ohio State Insurance company, located in the Conover building, is a product of the agricultural country of Montgomery county, Ohio, having been born June 27, 1883, in Mad River township. His father, Charles Pieper, was for many years one of the worthy and industrious agriculturists of that region, and although now deceased, is still remembered by many of the older citizens because of the sterling and sturdy qualities of his character. His son was reared on the home farm and secured his early education in the public schools of the rural districts, but even as a youth displayed a distaste for the monotonous routine of the farm and allowed his ambitions to take the form of a successful career in the commercial world. When he left the homestead he secured a position as a clerk in a grocery store, but after one year thus spent he came to a realization of the fact that if he would succeed he needs must have further training, and accordingly entered the Miami Commercial college, at Dayton, where he completed a business course. Thus prepared he sought employment and found it with the firm of DeWeese & Vilaman, with which company he remained from 1903 until 1911. This was followed by a term of service with the Johnson-Shelton company, by whom he was employed until March 23, 1918, at which time he resigned in order to enter business on his own account as a partner of D. Earl Siler, in the field of real estate and insurance. The offices of The Siler-Pieper agency were at 686-687 Reibold building, and the business done was a general handling of real estate, principally city properties. After becoming associated with Mr. Booker he continued in all kinds of insurance, fire, automobile, life, burglary, plate glass, accident and health, the following insurance companies being represented: American Eagle Fire Insurance company, of New York; Mercantile Fire Insurance company of America, of New York; Standard Fire Insurance company, of Hartford; Philadelphia Life; Continental Casualty company, of Chicago, and Republic Casualty company of Pittsburg. Mr. Pieper is progressive, alert

and enterprising, determined and persevering, convincing in talk and manner and sincere in his integrity. He belongs to the Dayton Real Estate board and to several fraternal societies, is generally popular with his associates and acquaintances, and all in all, represents well the virile spirit of Dominant Dayton. He was married April 16, 1913, to Miss Hazel Hawkins, daughter of the late John Hawkins, Waterbury, Conn, and they have one son: George Harry.

Scott Pierce, as one of the leading and practical business men of Dayton, has been one of the city's developers along various lines of activity. Through his quarter of a century's experience he is regarded as one of the expert insurance men of the Miami valley, and has made insurance a practical study all during his long and honorable career, in which he has obtained an eminent position among the leaders in this field of endeavor. He has been a hard worker all his life and his private interests have been numerous and requiring close attention and abundant industry, yet he at the same time has been one of the most public-spirited men of Dayton since his arrival in 1898 and has allied himself with numerous movements which have resulted in the betterment of his adopted municipality. Mr. Pierce was born at Sharpsville, Pa., January 18, 1866, and was reared in that manufacturing community, where his early education was acquired through the medium of attendance at the public schools. This early training was supplemented by a course of study at Buchtel college, Akron, Ohio. After leaving that institution he returned to Sharpsville and engaged in the pig iron business, as a manufacturer, in association with his father. When this connection was dissolved, in 1893, he went to his college city, Akron, where he embarked in the life insurance business as representative of the New England Mutual Life Insurance company. He remained with this concern for five years, and in 1898 changed his residential place and center of activity in a business way to Dayton, which has continued to be his home and the scene of his success. Taking up the work of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance company, during the twenty or more years that he has been the representative of this old and honorable old-line company, he has built up an enormous business and has sold some of the largest policies in the insurance history of Dayton. He is widely known in insurance circles as a man possessing marked qualities for the proper handling and salesmanship of life indemnity, and at the same time as a man of the highest integrity and personal probity. He has been variously connected with large and important enterprises aside from his regular business, to which he has given the benefit of his high ability and splendid principles, and at this time holds directorship in the Stanley Manufacturing company, the Union Building and Loan association and the Oakwood Acre Farms company. He is a valued member of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce and of the Dayton Rotary club, of which he was one of the founders and the first president. He belongs also to the Y. M. C. A., to which he gives his aid and the value of his long business experience in the capacity of instructor of salesmanship in the night institute classes, and is also a member of the board of directors of the Dayton Playgrounds and Gardens association. His civic pride has frequently led him to drop all of his per-

sonal interests in order to be of service to his adopted city. During the period of the great war he acted as chairman of the local draft board of Montgomery county, and at present is a member of the board of governors of the Municipal Country (Hills and Dales) club, and president of the Northwestern Improvement club. Mr. Pierce is president of the Conference club, a member of the Dayton Country club, and a Thirty-second Degree Mason. He was married, November 26, 1891, to Mabel, daughter of Dr. Jerome P. Marvin, of Harrison, Ohio, and they are the parents of two children: Marvin, a civil engineer, who served in the United States Army in England with the rank of first lieutenant of engineers during the great war, and now connected with the Lord Construction company, of New York; and Charlotte, who resides with her parents.

William A. Pierce. Progressive methods, keen insight into industrial conditions, a far-reaching and thorough appreciation of the needs of the trade, are qualities that develop an individual into a successful factor in the business life of any big city, and result in the establishment and growth of some of the important concerns of the country. These characteristics have been evident in the career of William A. Pierce, secretary and treasurer of the Dayton Steel Foundry company, who has been responsible for much of his concern's recent development, and who for six years has assisted in the shaping of its policy. Mr. Pierce was born at Covington, Ky., July 13, 1882, a son of William W. Pierce. His father, also born in that state, came to Dayton in 1901, and is still a well known resident of the city, being employed by the Dayton Lumber company. William A. Pierce received his education in the public schools of Darke county, O., and at Ohio Wesleyan university, his first business experience being with the Eldridge & Higgins Grocery company. He remained with that concern until 1910, when he identified himself with the Dayton Steel Foundry company, as bookkeeper, and after less than three years had risen to the position of secretary and treasurer. Mr. Pierce is naturally aggressive in the conduct of his affairs, and must needs be so. Conditions today are so complex, competition is so intense, and the needs of the world increasing so rapidly, that every branch of industrial and commercial life feels the impetus of the age. The day of slow and sure business policies is gone, and large enterprises are conducted along entirely different lines than those of a quarter of a century ago. The Dayton Steel Foundry company was established in 1905 by George and Jacob Walther as a co-partnership, and continued as such until 1909, when it was incorporated for $50,000, with the following officials: George Walther, president; G. Weihrauch, vice-president; J. B. Nordholt, secretary, and Jacob Walther, treasurer and general manager. The first small plant of the company was located at Chapel Road and the C. H. & D. railway, and fifteen people were employed. In 1911 the titles of the officials were changed to some extent, George Walther continuing as president; Jacob Walther being made general manager, and J. B. Nordholt becoming secretary and treasurer. In 1912 there occurred other changes, when, at the September elections, the following assumed office: George Walther, president; Jacob Walther, treasurer and general manager; R. K. Albaugh, vice-presi-

dent, and William A. Pierce, secretary. January 18, 1913, Mr. Pierce also assumed the duties of treasurer, and was elected to the dual office in the October, 1913, elections, when George Walther was retained as president, and G. E. Nicholas became vice-president. These are the present officials. The company manufactures steel castings and does jobbing work, in addition to which it specializes in the Dayton steel truck wheel. In the main plant at Dayton 450 people are given employment, and the concern maintains four branch offices, at New York city, Chicago, Detroit and Cincinnati. During normal times the product of the company is distributed over a wide area, but in the war period it was engaged 100 per cent in doing work for the government. Mr. Pierce is strictly a business man, and, having concentrated his interest on his business, has had but little time or inclination for public affairs. However, he has upheld the better element in civic affairs, is a member of the Greater Dayton association, and enjoys social relaxation as a member of the Kiwanis club, the Junior Order of American Mechanics, and the Masons, in which he has reached the thirty-second degree, being also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. April 20, 1907, Mr. Pierce was united in marriage with Miss Minnie L. Mercer, daughter of R. P. Mercer of Dayton, and they are the parents of two children: Dorothy and William A., jr., who are attending the Dayton public schools.

Frank E. Pierson, secretary of the Recording & Computing Machine company, of Dayton, is one of those who has risen from a modest position to one of great responsibility, and who has administered carefully and well the affairs of a concern whose operations affect thousands. Mr. Pierson was born at Spartanburg, Randolph county, Ind., December 31, 1882, and received his literary training in the graded and high schools of Richmond, that state. After his graduation from the high school he took a commercial course at the Richmond Business college, and thus prepared obtained a position as stenographer with the Hoosier Drill company, of Richmond. There he remained until 1904, when he came to Dayton and became engaged in the same capacity with the National Cash Register company, a concern with which he was identified for nine and one-half years, the latter part of which period he acted as secretary to J. H. Patterson. He was next in the service of the Packard Motor Car company, of Detroit, Mich., but in 1914 returned to Dayton and joined the Recording & Computing Machine company in the capacity of secretary to W. I. Ohmer, president of the company. In July of the same year he was made secretary of the company, and still holds that position, although he continues to act as assistant to the president. Mr. Pierson's career is one in which there has been no backward step, nor any reliance upon others for advancement. The Recording & Computing Machine company, of Dayton, is one of this city's important industries, employing some 9,000 people. It was organized March 10, 1904, by Will I. Ohmer, president; C. H. Atkins, vice-president, and J. M. Crawford, secretary and treasurer. The capital stock was placed at $200,000, and about 100 people were employed in the manufacture of recording devices, principally fare boxes for use on street cars. From the start the product of this company met with great favor and the business continued to grow

and develop until it is now recognized as one of the leading concerns of Dayton. The present officers of the company are: Will I. Ohmer, president; C. U. Carpenter, vice-president and manager of the plant; Frank E. Pierson, secretary and assistant to the president, and G. A. DuCasse, treasurer. During the war period the company was engaged 100 per cent on government contracts. The company has always shown a progressive spirit, particularly in caring for the health of its employees, and in this connection it is apropos to note that it was one of the first concerns to establish in its plant a mechanical training school for its women workers, a plan recognized and approved by the United States government. Mr. Pierson is a member of the Dayton City club and the National Cash Register club. He is a Christian Scientist in religion. In March, 1904, he was married to Ethel Cisco, of Richmond, Ind., and they have three children: Lucile, Maxine and Richard.

James Delaney Platt. No history of Dayton and its prominent men contains a name more worthy than that of Col. James Delaney Platt. While some years have passed since he retired from the activities that made him such a striking figure in Dayton's business circles, he lives in the thoughts of his many friends and associates as a high type of American citizen. He started out in life without much assistance from the outside, but through his ability and determination to succeed, rose to prominence and well-deserved prosperity. Colonel Platt was born at Schroon Lake, Essex county, N. Y., in the Adirondack mountains, October 19, 1838, and traces his ancestry back to Sir Hugh Platt, of England. His father, Daniel Platt, was born at Lanesboro, Mass., March 29, 1798. After securing his early education in the public schools of his native place, Colonel Platt continued his studies at Fairfax, Vt., and Fort Edwards, N. Y., and in 1860 moved to Toledo, Ohio, where he was located at the outbreak of the war between the forces of the North and South. Believing that his country needed him, he volunteered his services and was accepted as a member of the 10th Ohio Cavalry, under the command of General Kilpatrick, with which he remained until the close of the war, being honorably discharged in September, 1865. He participated in all the engagements of the troops of General Sherman from Chattanooga to the Atlantic coast, taking part in the famous march to the sea and northward through the Carolinas, at which time he was serving as lieutenant-colonel. When he left the service, after a brilliant record, the brave young officer returned to Ohio, and subsequently came to Dayton with E. E. Barney, of the Barney & Smith Car works. Starting in a modest capacity, during his career he rose from one to another position until he finally reached the presidency, which he was holding at the time of his retirement, in November, 1908. He then bought the Stilwell-Bierce company, which he reorganized into the Platt Iron works. Mr. Platt's reputation for honorable dealing and business sagacity brought to him the patronage and friendship of many of the affluent and most influential men in Dayton. Outside of his business cares he enjoyed the pleasure of social relationships, and his name was found in the membership of the Dayton club, the Whist club of New York, and others. December 11, 1866, he mar-

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ried Mary Louise Barney, of Dayton, who was born February 1, 1841, and they became the parents of six children, of whom four survive: Bertha, the wife of E. M. Thacker, of Dayton; Edwin F., identified with the Platt Iron works of this city; Pauline, the wife of F. W. Ohie, of Virginia, and James D., jr., of Dayton.

James Delaney Platt, jr. One of the concerns of Dayton which is distinctively a Gem city enterprise and which had its inception in the energy, initiative and progressive spirit of two of this city's reliable and substantial men, is the Dayton Brass Castings company, which during its life of ten years has grown from modest beginnings to large and important proportions. This concern was established in 1908, as a partnership, by Thomas F. McDonald and James Delaney Platt, jr., and in October, 1912, was incorporated for $15,000, with Mr. Platt as president and treasurer and Mr. McDonald as secretary and manager. At the time of the incorporation a building was erected at the corner of Homestead and Montcalm streets, 75 x 125 feet in dimensions, and modern machinery and equipment were installed for the manufacture of brass, bronze and aluminum castings. Seventy-five people are now employed in this plant, the products of the company are known over a wide territory, and it has constantly added to its trade and reputation through a business policy that has never allowed anything that savored of unfairness or questionable methods to be identified with the company name. James D. Platt, jr., was born at Dayton, December 30, 1882, and is a son of Col. James Delaney and Mary Louise (Barney) Platt. His father was born October 19, 1838, at Schroon Lake, N. Y., and began his education at the public schools there, later continuing his studies at Fairfax, Vt., and Fort Edward, N. Y. After completing his literary training he divided his time for the next five years in working on his father's farm and teaching school, and in the spring of 1860 removed to Toledo, O., where he was located at the outbreak of the Civil war. Volunteering his services to his country, he joined the Tenth Ohio Cavalry, which was in the command of General Kilpatrick, and participated in all the engagements under General Sherman from Chattanooga to the Atlanta campaign, including the famous "March to the Sea." He remained with the army until the cessation of hostilities and was honorably discharged and mustered out of the service in September, 1865, having advanced to the rank of lieutenant-colonel. His military duties completed, Colonel Platt came to Dayton, O., where he became connected with Barney, Smith & Co., October 1, 1865. When the company was incorporated, May 16, 1867, as the Barney & Smith Manufacturing company, he was elected secretary, which office he filled until July 18, 1878, when he was elected treasurer. October 1, 1881, he was elected vice-president and treasurer, which office he held until January 2, 1900, when he was elected president, and was the incumbent of that office at the time of his retirement, November 10, 1908. James Delaney Platt, jr., received his education in the Dayton public schools, the Taft school at Watertown, Conn., and the Lawrenceville school, in New Jersey, and when he returned to Dayton entered the drafting room of the Barney & Smith Car company, a concern with which he was identified for one and one-half years. He then

entered the Platt Iron works, as assistant superintendent, and remained in that capacity for three years, or until 1908, when, with Mr. McDonald, he engaged in his present line of business which resulted in the formation of the Dayton Brass Casting company. Mr. Platt is one of the younger generation of Dayton's business men, sons of the city, who have attained success in the community of their nativity. His career has been one of well-merited advancement and his progress the direct result of his own abilities, energy and constant application. Aside from his business affairs, which are numerous, he belongs to the Dayton Country club and the Buz Fuz club. Mr. Platt was married October 9, 1907, to Miss Ann F. Evans, a daughter of Rush E. and Lillian (Kendall) Evans, of Dayton, and to this union there have been born three children: Lillian K., James Delaney III, and Pauline Barney, all at home.

Carl A. Plocher. A notable illustration of the development of business interests when conducted under an honorable and progressive policy is found in the career of the enterprise known as the Andrew Plocher Sons company. This concern, founded some twenty-four years ago, started in a modest manner, with little to aid or encourage it save the faith, confidence, self-reliance and personal ability of its founder. Its employment list was short, its capital practically nothing, and its equipment of the plainest and most modest character. Today the business has reached the dignity of a concern of recognized place and importance, carries a large list of employees, is on a sound financial basis, and its plant fully equipped and up to date in every manner. This business was born in the mind of the late Andrew Plocher, and, as its present name would suggest, is being continued by his sons. Carl A. Plocher is now president and treasurer of the concern. Andrew Plocher was born in Wurtemburg, Germany, June 19, 1850, and was eighteen years of age when he emigrated to the United States and took up his residence at Dayton, where his education was completed in the public schools. Upon partly mastering the English language, he secured employment in a blacksmith shop and served an apprenticeship to that trade, this enabling him to secure a position with the A. A. Simonds company. He was an industrious and skillful workman, gained promotion through his industry and fidelity, and eventually became foreman and later superintendent of several agricultural machinery shops. During all the time he had resided here, however, he had nursed ambitions of being a proprietor on his own account, and this wish was gratified in 1895, when he founded the present business, which, however, was at that time known as the City Forge & Iron works. It was first located on Wyandotte street, but in 1900 the business had grown to such an extent that new quarters were found necessary and a building was erected at 418-426 First street, for the manufacture of structural and ornamental iron work, forgings and specialties. The founder continued to be connected with the business as its active head until his death May 1, 1913, by which time he had seen his small and unimportant business of two employees grow and develop under his capable management into a place of size and prominence, hiring fifty employees. He was an energetic and capable man of business, as well as one of integrity

and honor, and his passing was a distinct loss to business circles. He belonged to the Masonic and Knights of Pythias lodges and to several civic and social bodies, and his assistance was ever extended to movements of a worthy character, connected with religion, education and good citizenship. Mr. Plocher married Eva Bernhardt, daughter of John G. Bernhardt, and three children were born to them: John A., Carl A., and Flora L., the wife of Lon F. Miller, of Dayton. Carl A. Plocher was born at Dayton, September 27, 1880, and received his education in the graded and high schools. When still a youth he entered his father's plant when the business began in 1895, where he thoroughly learned the business, and in July, 1913, following his father's death, the business was incorporated under the firm style of the Andrew Plocher Sons company, and he became president and treasurer of the corporation, which is capitalized for $50,000. John A. Plocher is vice-president and secretary of the concern, and Lon F. Miller is secretary and assistant treasurer. The plant is a large one, with 52,000 square feet of floor space, and is sanitary, well ventilated and up to date in every particular. Under the present management the business has continued to develop and grow consistently and is rapidly assuming a position among the leading Dayton concerns of its kind. The firm is a member of the Greater Dayton association. Mr. Carl A. Plocher has a number of other business connections and is a director of the Merchants National bank. He is a member of the Dayton City club and the Rotary club. He also belongs to the Masonic fraternity, being a thirty-third degree Mason, and is also a trustee of the Ohio Masonic home. He and Mrs. Plocher are members of St. John's Lutheran church. He was married February 21, 1906, to Miss Amanda C. Buchner, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Buchner, of Miamisburg, Ohio.

Frank H. Poeppelmeier. A leading business concern at Dayton, in the line of special manufacturing, is the Federal Tool & Machine company, of which Frank H. Poeppelmeier is president and general manager. From the beginning Mr. Poeppelmeier has given the business his personal attention. He is one of Dayton's native, well-brought up sons, born August 6, 1883. His parents were Frank and Catherine (Rehling) Poeppelmeier, the former of whom was born at Cincinnati, and the latter at Minster in Auglaize county, Ohio, The father came to Dayton in his boyhood and lived a long, useful, honest life here, for many years being connected with the Smith-Vaile company, of which he became superintendent, acting in that capacity at the time of his death, August 12, 1919. The mother passed away November 13, 1905. Frank H. Poeppelmeier was educated in the parochial school in St. Mary's parish and in St. Mary's institute, after which he learned the machinist's trade. For two years he was with the Platt Iron Works company, then went to New York, where he learned tool making, following which he worked in several great manufacturing centers, spending a year and a half at Cleveland and a year at Pittsburg before returning to Dayton. On coming back to his native city, an expert workman, he took charge of the Dayton Motor Car company's tool room, where he remained four years, then accepted the office of superintendent of

the City Machine & Tool works, with which concern he continued until 1913, when he started his present business. The Federal Tool & Machine company was founded by Frank H. Poeppelmeier in partnership with Louis G. Brinkman, for the manufacture of jigs, tools, dies, fixtures and special machinery, and four people were employed in their plant at No. 16 N. Canal street. In 1914 removal was made to No. 429 E. Third street, and by January, 1918, the partners felt justified in incorporating, and now operate with a capital of $25,000. The president of the company is Frank H. Poeppelmeier; William Haas is vice-president, and L. G. Brinkman is secretary and treasurer. Under wise and capable official direction, this business has undergone remarkable expansion. Its war production in the building of special machinery was 100 per cent. The company now occupies 6,500 square feet of floor space, modern machinery has been installed, and employment is given to thirty-five skilled workmen. The company is developing a special automatic drill fluting machine, and have been experimenting on this machine approximately one year, and expect to have this machine complete and in operation by January 1, 1920. May 12, 1907, Mr. Poeppelmeier married Miss Blanche, daughter of Charles and Louise (Sneidecker) Kraft, of Dayton, and they have three children: Le Roy, Marion and James. Mr. Poeppelmeier and his family are members of St. Anthony's Catholic church. He is an active and valued member of the Chamber of Commerce, and belongs to the Elks. As a business man and personally he has the respect of his fellow citizens.

Rev. Charles Stephen Polichek. Successful accomplishment in any of the pursuits of life unfailingly challenges the admiration of the world. It matters not whether in the theological domain, in the profession of law, medicine or literature, in the military or civil life, or in the field of commerce or the marts of trade, it is a distinguishing and distinctive characteristic. Of the Catholic priests of Dayton who through faithful and unselfish labors have fulfilled their responsibilities and discharged their duties, one whose work has been crowned by successful accomplishment is Rev. Charles Stephen Polichek, pastor of Holy Name Catholic church (Hungarian). Father Polichek was born at Szomolnok, county of Szepes, Hungary, July 17, 1864, a son of Charles and Frances (Krachek) Polichek. He received his early education in the parochial schools, following which he attended the gymnasium at Rozsnyo and graduated therefrom in 1884, and subsequently prosecuted his theological studies at the seminary at Beszterczevanya. He was ordained to the priesthood July 16, 1888, and for the four years which followed served as assistant pastor of St. Catherine's church at Nemetprona. His next location was at Comoczbanya, where he was a professor at the State college, for men and for women, for two and one-half years, following which he was appointed in Czach as rector of the Sacred Heart church, a charge which he held for several years, or until 1898, when he was sent as pastor to St. Mary's church, Nyitrabanya. He remained at St. Mary's church there until 1903, when he came to the United States and organized St. Mary's parish at Alpha, N. J., and continued in that charge until 1909, when he was made superintendent of the Carlsbad sanitorium. In 1910 he came to

Dayton as pastor of Holy Name church, and here he has since remained. Holy Name Catholic church (Hungarian) was organized April 22, 1906, and the first services were held in a small frame building located at No. 1440 Dakota street, the first pastor being Bernardt Sommer, who served until November 8, 1908. He was succeeded by Rev. Adam Blies, under whose administration the church, costing $22,000, was built, this being located on Conover street, South, and dedicated May 9, 1909. Father Blies served until 1910, resigning May 28, and December 15 of the same year Father Polichek took charge and has remained since as pastor. In February, 1914, the parish house was erected at a cost of $9,000, and in 1915 was erected the parochial school, at a cost of $30,000. Father Polichek has had ample opportunity for the exercise of his great energy and business qualifications, and the parish is now in an excellent condition as regards finances. He has worked indefatigably, and his zeal and ardor have done much toward elevating the standards of morality, at the same time building up his congregation from small beginnings to large proportions, there now being 160 families in the parish, with 250 pupils in the parochial school taught by four sisters of the Precious Blood convent. This parish is prolific in societies, including Holy Name society, for men, and St. Ann society, for women, with a total membership of 180; St. Aemrick society with an $8,000 club house, and St. Mary's society, the former for young men and the latter for young women and children, with a total membership of 300, and a Citizens' club, started March 7, 1917, which already has 140 members. In 1912 Father Polichek organized the St. Stephen's mission, of the Kussuth colony, at North Dayton, and forty families now belong to this mission. Father Polichek is well fitted by both nature and training for the high and responsible position which he holds. He has shown himself to be a worthy guide of his people and has led them into ways of righteousness and material welfare.

Oscar M. Poock. A thriving enterprise of Dayton which, during a period of five years has experienced a wonderful growth, is the City Machine and Tool works. The development of this business is one typical of true middle western spirit, and the history of its short but successful career has its place in the annals of the birth and growth of Dominant Dayton. The partnership which founded and controls this business consists of F. C. Nickol and Oscar M. Poock, both of whom are well and widely known in manufacturing circles. Mr. Poock was born at Dayton, November 24, 1876, a son of Louis H. and Minnie (Lueking) Poock, natives of Germany. His father came to the United States in 1846 and located at Dayton, where he was identified with the S. N. Brown company, was later with the Dayton Empire for a time; for several years was cashier of the American National bank and general manager of the Fidelity Building association. He likewise served as county treasurer for two terms, and was generally accounted one of the valuable and public-spirited citizens of Dayton, where his death occurred after a long and honorable career, in February, 1897. His widow survived him only until the year following. Oscar M. Poock was educated in the public schools of Dayton and at the age of seventeen

years entered upon his career as messenger for the American (Teutonia) National bank. With that institution he advanced steadily in position until he had reached the post of assistant cashier, but in May, 1914, resigned to become one of the establishers of the City Machine and Tool works, in partnership with F. C. Nickol. This business was founded to manufacture jigs, dies, tools and special machinery, and from its start carried a most prosperous trade. During the great war it was engaged on government contract work, necessitating the employment of 285 people, in the manufacture of naval gun sights. It has a large, modern, sanitary and well-equipped plant, two floors being 100 x 132 feet and one floor 132 x 30 feet. Its rating among the manufacturing houses of Dayton is an excellent one, and its members enjoy high personal standing and prestige. Mr. Poock has various other business interests, is a director and vice-president of the American National bank, also a director of the Fidelity Building association. He belongs to Humbolt Lodge, Knights of Pythias, is a thirty-second degree Mason and a Shriner, and holds membership in the Keystone club. He was married, June 24, 1901, to Miss Elizabeth L. Tschudi, daughter of Frederick and Margaret (Adelberger) Tschudi, of Dayton, and they have six children, namely: Louis, Margaret, Albert, Paul, Eloise and Charlotte.

John G. Pool. The manufacture and erection of steel fireproof materials has been for some years one of the most important industries of community life, particularly in the larger cities. Primarily a preventive this industry is the means of public security and a safeguard of life and property. In this field at Dayton one of the leading enterprises is the John G. Pool company, of which concern John G. Pool is president. He is one of the younger generation of business men of the city, and in recent years has made rapid strides. Mr. Pool was born at Dayton, January 31, 1888, and is a son of Edward D. and Ida M. (Schmidt) Pool, natives of Sandusky, Ohio. His father, who was division freight agent of the C. H. & D. railway, died in 1912, but the mother still survives and makes her home at Dayton. John G. Pool received his education in the public schools and at the Ohio State university, from which he was duly graduated with the degree of C. E. in 1910. He began his career in the employ of Al. S. Fox, a bridge contractor, with whom he remained one year, and then became identified with the firm of Blanchard Structural Products company. In 1916 he was the principal factor in the organization of the John G. Pool company, which became the successor by purchase of the Blanchard Structural Products company, an enterprise which had been established in 1911. The new company was incorporated in March, 1916, with a capital of $15,000, and the following officers: John G. Pool, president; A. P. Smith, vice-president; Theo C. Dye, secretary; Lee W. James, treasurer, and Blanche M. Pool, assistant treasurer. The business of the concern, which has shown rapid and continued growth and progress under the new management, is the erection of steel fireproof materials, the concern making a specialty of the building and installing of fireproof doors, windows, etc. The company maintains an erecting force of twenty men, capable of handling any kind of structural

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steel and ornamental iron work, and has done work on almost every building of any size in Dayton erected since 1911. A large warehouse is maintained for the storing of material, and the latest equipment of every kind is used, including special and highly-improved rigging for all manner of outside work. Mr. Pool is an energetic and industrious young business man who has made his own way and is continuing to advance. He is not only a good business man, but is also a thoroughly informed and efficient civil engineer, and is thus able to direct both the mechanical and mathematical ends of the business. While as a business man his work has been of a nature to safeguard the city against one of the greatest menaces known, as a citizen he has also endeavored by his support to beneficial civic measures to safeguard the municipality against other destructive factors. He is a valued member of the Dayton Rotary club and the Dayton Engineers club, Dayton Lodge 147, F. and A. M., and also holds membership in the college fraternity Alpha Tau Omega. With his family, he belongs to the Third Congregational church. Mr. Pool was married December 31, 1912, to Miss Blanche M. Monroe, daughter of John C. and Louisa M. (Strong) Monroe, of Dayton, and they have two children: Robert M. and John G., jr.

Charles S. Prass. While genius may be the motive power of a certain kind of success, many who trouble themselves to study the lives and characteristics of successful men are led to believe that experience and sound judgment must be combined with natural inclination to produce the best results. In the majority of cases where a man has risen above his fellows it will be found that this rise has come gradually through persistent fighting in spite of all opposition. There are many qualities which help to form the character, such as self-reliance, conscientiousness, energy and honesty, and they all work together to produce the highest standing and most satisfactory rewards. The above is certainly true of the career of Charles S. Prass, of Brookville, the exclusive shoe merchant of the town, who has won his way to his present substantial position solely through his own merit. Mr. Prass was born in Tippecanoe county, Ind., June 27, 1872, the sixth in order of birth in a family of seven children born to John and Frances (Heusinger) Prass. Of these children, three daughters and one son are living, and three of these four are residents of Montgomery county. John Prass was born at Coburg, Saxony, Germany, in 1830, and was fourteen years of age when he came to America with an elder brother. He made one trip to Panama, where he remained for a short time, but returned to New York City and learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for a number of years. About the year 1855 he turned his face toward the west and located at Dayton, later going to Darke county, Ohio, and settling near Pitsburg. He spent some six years in that locality and then went to Lafayette, Ind., where he worked in a shoe factory, but in 1874 took up his permanent residence at Brookville, which continued to be his home until his death, July 18, 1907. At Brookville he established himself as the proprietor of a business for making and repairing shoes, and developed such an extensive trade that it was necessary for him

to employ two assistants. He had commenced life as a poor boy, without friends or the knowledge of the customs or language of the strange land in which he found himself, but his industry was so great and his determination so firm that he eventually succeeded in life, and at one time was the owner of 132 acres of valuable farming land in Darke county, in addition to which he had accumulated a good property near Brookville. Not only did he succeed in business but in securing the recognition and confidence of his fellow citizens, who honored him by election to the office of treasurer of the town of Brookville, as the first incumbent of that position, and to membership in the town council, and his record in both positions was an excellent one. He had been a strong Democrat all his life until the nomination of William McKinley for the presidency, when he supported the martyred president. Fraternally he was affiliated with the Brookville lodge of Odd Fellows and his religious connection was with Trinity Lutheran church, while Mrs. Prass belonged to the German Baptist denomination. Both were buried at Arlington cemetery, where a handsome monument marks their last resting place. Mrs. Prass was born in the same country as her husband, May 3, 1834, and died August 7, 1901. She was a kindly Christian woman, a faithful wife and a devoted mother, and was held in the highest esteem by those who knew her and recognized her admirable qualities. Charles S. Prass did not have many opportunities for the gaining of an education, but what he has acquired is self-education of a practical character. As a youth he worked on his father's farm, and his first wages were received from the elder man, consisting of a small patch of land, which he shared with his sister in the raising of a crop of tobacco. Through the sale of the first crop raised on this land the brother and sister realized the sum of $43.50, and of his share Mr. Prass put $20 out at interest, this forming the nucleus for his holdings of to-day. From the start of his career he practiced thrift, and by 1911 was able to enter business on his own account. He accordingly founded a modest shoe business in a small room, 12 x 14 feet, at Brookville, his original stock representing an outlay of $875. How rapidly his business has grown is shown in the fact that to-day his stock is worth $6,000, in addition to which he is the owner of a modern brick residence, all of his holdings being entirely free from encumbrance of any kind. As a result of his industry, good management and careful investment he stands to-day among the substantial and independent merchants of his city. Mr. Prass is a Republican of the staunchest type and has been since he cast his first presidential vote for Mr. McKinley, always supporting the principles of the Grand Old Party. He has been a valued and valuable citizen officially, having given Brookville an excellent administration for two years as mayor, an office to which he was elected in 1900, and also serving for eight years as a member of the town council and for four years as clerk of the board of affairs. At present he is a member of the board of education of Brookville, and an ardent advocate of the elevation of the standards of the public school system. He also served from 1904 to 1907 as clerk of Clay township, and his official record throughout is clean and constructive, evidencing an honest, conscientious desire to be of benefit to his

community. Fraternally he is affiliated with Masonic Lodge No. 596, at Brookville; Lodge No. 795 of the Odd Fellows, and Camp 7720 of the Modern Woodmen of America. He and his wife are most estimable people who have numerous friends, and are eminently worthy of representation in a work devoted to the Memoirs of the Miami Valley. Mr. Prass' first marriage occurred June 26, 1898, when he was united with Maude Dove, and two sons were born to this union, of whom one, John Alpheus, survives. He finished the graded schools and spent three and one-half years in the high school at Brookville, following which he took up the study of practipedics, a science in which he has since become remarkably proficient. He is a Republican, a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics No. 325, at Brookville, and belongs to the Lutheran church. Mrs. Prass, who died September 7, 1905, was a native of Montgomery county and a product of the Brookville public schools, and belonged to the Lutheran church and the Rebekah fraternal order, under the ritual of which she was buried. Mr. Prass was united in marriage with Anna Belle Borden, who was born near Salem, Montgomery county, Ohio, a daughter of George and Barbara E. (Smith) Borden, residents of Brookville. She was educated in the public schools and is a member of the Lutheran church. To Mr. and Mrs. Prass there have been born three children: George B., in fifth grade of the public schools; Richard R., in second grade, and Frances B., the baby.

Albert Pretzinger. Of the many capable architects of Dayton, one who is the acknowledged originator of a distinctive style of architecture is Albert Pretzinger of the firm of Pretzinger & Musselman, and is another one of Dayton's sons who have made good in their native city. He was born February 28, 1863, his parents being Mr. and Mrs. John Pretzinger, natives of Germany, who emigrated to the United States as young people, settling at Dayton, where John Pretzinger was engaged as a salesman until his death. The Pretzingers took up their residence at Dayton in 1847, formed many acquaintances during their long careers here, and were universally respected and esteemed. Albert Pretzinger attended the Dayton graded and high schools, and following his graduation from the latter entered upon an apprenticeship in the office of Leon Beaver, a Dayton architect. When that was completed, he secured employment as a draughtsman with the architectural firm of Peters & Burns, but subsequently left their employ to go to San Diego, Cal., where he spent three years, gaining much inspiration and excellent training from his experiences there. Returning to Dayton, he again became identified with the firm of Peters & Burns, and in 1885 was admitted as a member of the firm, a capacity in which he acted for twenty-two years, during which time he designed the plans for many of the city's important buildings and residences. In 1907 he started upon an independent career, and for six years was alone, but in 1913 became associated in a co-partnership with Edward P. Musselman, the firm now conducting its business as Pretzinger & Musselman, with offices at Nos. 1165, 1166 and 1167 Reibold building. This is generally accounted one of the strong, skilled and reliable concerns of the city, and its members are readily

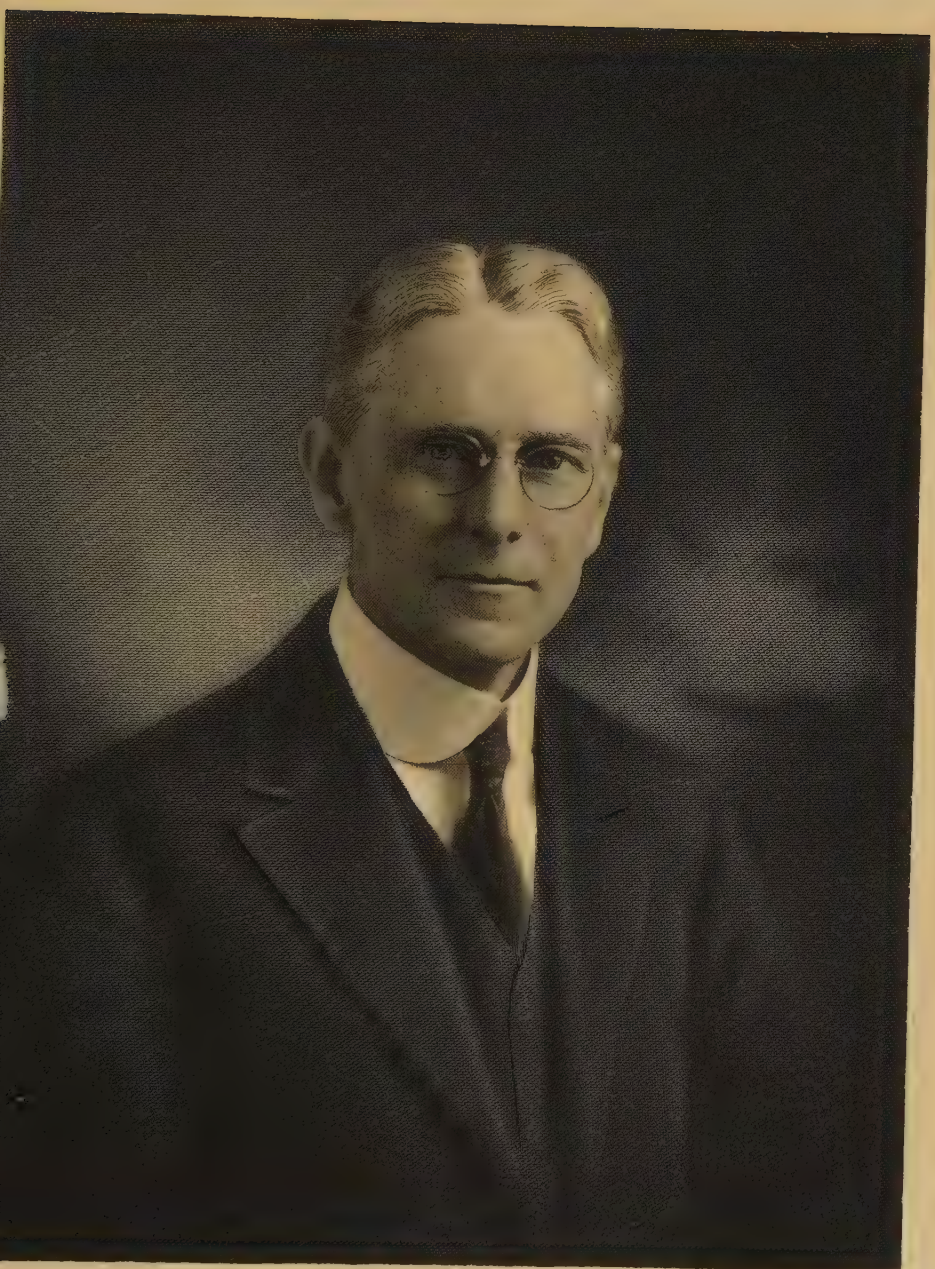
recognized by their professional brethren as masters of their craft. Mr. Pretzinger is a member of the American Instiute of Architecture, and belongs to various civic and social bodies, standing high with his professional fraternity and with the public from which he draws his patronage. During his career he has designed many of the structures that now form a creditable part of Dayton's architecture, and in the conspicuous changes that have taken place since the big flood, his has been an influence, along with the general increase of taste and demands of commercial utility. Mr. Pretzinger was united in marriage with May Riest, daughter of L. H. Riest, of Dayton, and to this union there have been born four children: Florence, the wife of Carl Beust, of Dayton; Freeman A.; Marie, the wife of Robert Reed, of Dayton; and Louise, who resides with her parents. Freeman A. was a member of the United States army, and was stationed at Camp Sherman, during the world war.

Harry E. Price. Agriculture is the great basic industry of the Mississippi valley region of the United States, and no part of this locality is better represented by fertile and productive farms and progressive and industrious argriculturists than is the Miami valley. In Montgomery county, one who has worthily and successfully represented this industry and has a record which reflects credit upon himself and his honored calling, is Harry E. Price. Mr. Price is a native of Montgomery county, born May 26, 1874, the eldest of three sons and one daughter born to Henry and Maggie (Utz) Price. The children are all living as residents of Montgomery county except Herbert E., who is a farmer of Preble county, and all are graduates of the public schools. Henry Price was born in the Old Dominion State of Virginia, and was a lad when he accompanied his parents to Ohio, the family traveling in pioneer fashion, in a wagon, making the journey over marshes and swamps, through the heavy timber and forests, and finally locating near Dayton. He was educated in the primitive log schools of his time, with log benches, and while he did not have the modern conveniences and comforts of the children of today, he made the most of his opportunities and secured a good general education. Mr. Price made several trips to Montana, and to Canada and Maine, and was known far and wide as a skilled and cunning hunter and trapper. Today his son Harry E. has a magnificent specimen of an elk's head mounted in his home, which was taken as a trophy and evidences of his father's prowess as a nimrod. A great friend of public education, he served efficiently and effectively as a member of the board of school directors. He and his wife are members of the United Brethren church, which they attend in Perry township, Montgomery county, where they have made their home for many years, and where they are held in the highest esteem. Mrs. Price was born, educated and reared in that county, and in the evening of existence, at the age of sixty-seven years, can look back over a happy, contented and useful career. Harry E. Price was educated in the public schools, was reared as an agriculturist, and has followed farming successfully all of his life, his estate being one of the handsomest in Perry township. He began his independent operations at the time of his marriage, on forty acres, and while he was pos-

sessed of no capital as represented in material holdings, both he and his estimable wife had the courage, determination and ability to carry them through, and these attributes furnished the necessary start for what has since proven a highly successful participation in the agricultural affairs of Montgomery county. Mr. Price was married May 8, 1894, to Elenora Eck, and to this union there have been born two sons and two daughters: Hazel Viola, educated in the Pyrmont public school, and a member of Shiloh Lutheran church, in which she was formerly a teacher in the Sunday school, and now the wife of Albert Good, an agriculturist of Preble county, with one daughter: Mildred Elenora; Arthur Franklin, educated in the common school at Pyrmont, a Democrat in politics, and a successful young agriculturist of Clay township, married Mary Elizabeth James and has two children: Norma Elizabeth and Naomi Elenora, the family belonging to the Lutheran church; Marie Elizabeth, who has completed the graded schools and is now a professional nurse, is an active member of the Lutheran church; and William Henry, who is in the seventh grade of the public schools. Mrs. Price is a native of Montgomery county, and was born May 1, 1876, a daughter of James Franklin and Minerva Jane (Heeter) Eck. There were three children in the family, all living and residents of Montgomery county. James Franklin Eck was born in Montgomery county, a descendant of German ancestors, and was educated in the public schools of Montgomery county, where he followed agriculture as a vocation and made a success of his operations, as well as winning a high place in the esteem and respect of his fellow-citizens. He was a Democrat in politics and took an active part in local affairs, serving as a member of the school board and of the board of township trustees. He and his wife were consistent members of the Lutheran church in their community, and assisted in its erection. Mr. Eck died October 24, 1912, and was laid to rest at Pleasant Hill cemetery, while his widow, aged sixty-four years, survives him with a clear and unclouded intellect and active body, a resident of Brookville, where she takes great pride in her home and comfort in her church. Mrs. Price was educated in the public schools, and her home and family have always held out the greatest attractions in life to her. She has been a faithful helpmate to her aspiring husband, and has assisted him in building up their comfortable and happy home. It was in 1904 that they located at their present property in Perry township, a tract of ninety-seven acres, in the acquirement of which they were forced to go heavily into debt. The buildings at that time were in poor repair, and the house consisted of but three rooms, but at this writing, in 1919, Mr. and Mrs. Price own one of the most modern homes of the township, with every up-to-date convenience and comfort, including an acetylene lighting plant. The home is beautifully furnished, the other buildings are comparatively modern and well equipped, and the improvements and machinery are of the latest and most highly approved manufacture. Above all, the property is entirely clear of indebtedness, speaking well for the business management and industry of the owners. Mr. Price is a Democrat in his political affiliation and has upheld his party in every campaign

since the time when he cast his first presidential vote in favor of the candidacy of William Jennings Bryan. He has shown an active interest in community affairs and has served three terms as trustee of Perry township, while his services to the cause of education have included nine years as a member of the board of education at Pyrmont. He was central township committeeman of his township and party for several years, and has been chosen a member of the county central committee. Both he and Mrs. Price are faithful members of the Lutheran church, and attend Shiloh church, which lies to the southwest of the Price farm. Mr. and Mrs. Price are fond of travel, and have made the trip overland from Brookville to Lansing, Mich., by automobile. However, they find their greatest pleasure in their handsome home, where cordial hospitality at all times is extended freely and sincerely to their numerous friends.

William Weyman Price. One of the sterling business men of Dayton, who has secured a place of merited credit in manufacturing circles, is William W. Price, president of the Dayton Pipe Coupling company and of the Dayton Pneumatic Tool company, concerns whose products are widely and favorably known. Mr. Price may be said to belong to that class of representative men who, while promoting individual interests, also advance the general welfare. He is a southerner by nativity, having been born at Charleston, S. C., December 24, 1866, a son of James Price, but is thoroughly in accord with conditions as found in the Miami valley in regard to his business relations and activities. After attending the public schools of Charleston, Mr. Price was sent by his parents to the Citadel, a well-known military academy of that city, and in his boyhood and early youth secured experience in the cottonseed oil business, in which his father, now deceased, was engaged. He first came to Dayton when about twenty years of age, and for three years was employed by Smith & Vaile. When he left their employ he put his knowledge of the cottonseed oil business to practical use by going to Houston, Texas, where he became identified with the Merchants and Planters Cottonseed Oil company. In 1890 he went to Paris, Texas, where he was put in charge of a large mill in the same line, remaining one and one-half years, and then returned to Houston, where he was put in charge of the big Merchants and Planters mill. In 1897 he returned to Dayton and engaged in the manufacturing business, to which he has since devoted his energies. The Dayton Pipe Coupling company was established in 1900 by Mr. Price, who opened a plant on Court street to manufacture pipe couplings and pipe line supplies. Under good management and progressive methods, the business grew rapidly, and in 1905, it was incorporated for $50,000, with W. W. Price as president and treasurer. In the meantime, in 1901, the business had been moved to Canal and First streets, but in 1906 the plant was destroyed by fire, and it was necessary to seek a new location. Temporary quarters were found on First street, which were occupied until the completion, in 1907, of the present plant, at the corner of Edmund street and Michigan avenue. This building, 150 x 300 feet, has approximately 50,000 square feet of floor space, and within its walls 150 people are given employment. It has shown a healthy



W. A. Price

growth from the start and under Mr. Price's wise and careful guidance has taken a prominent place among Dayton's manufacturing industries. The Dayton Pneumatic Tool company was organized in 1905, and was taken over by Mr. Price in 1906, after its incorporation for $50,000. Its business is the manufacture of pneumatic tools and accessories and in its new plant located on the Miami Chapel road at the Big Four railroad, there are seventy people employed. This business has also shown a prosperous development under Mr. Price's management, and its products are considered standard everywhere. In business, Mr. Price has been active, energetic and progressive, and as a result of his carefully directed efforts and his strict integrity he has gained the two-fold object of placing himself among the substantial business citizens of Dayton, and at the same time making his reputation an excellent one in commercial and manufacturing circles. He has ever been public-spirited, taking a deep and helpful interest in movements pertaining to the public good, and is a member of the Greater Dayton association and of the Rotary and Dayton clubs. He has various social connections, including membership in the Country Club, and is a thirty-second degree Mason and a Shriner. Mr. Price was married December 2, 1891, to Anna P., daughter of Charles H. Ware, of Dayton. Mr. and Mrs. Price are members of Christ Episcopal church.

David I. Prugh, member of the old established law firm of Prugh & Prugh, of Dayton, has long been a prominent figure in many of the legal controversies of Montgomery county and the Miami valley. Aside from his profession, or rather in connection with it, he has been identified with some of Dayton's large business interests, and at the present time is secretary and attorney of the Ohio Saving and Loan association. Mr. Prugh was born at Dayton, O., April 1, 1871, a member of a family which is well known in the city and which has furnished Dayton with a number of professional and business men. His father was the late Gideon G. Prugh, whose death occurred November 29, 1890. David I. Prugh received his early education in the public schools, and when still a youth entered upon his career as clerk in his father's dry goods store. A commercial life, however, did not satisfy him and he consequently turned his attention to professional lines, choosing the law as his field of endeavor. To prepare himself he attended the university of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, and was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws with the class of 1896. Admitted to practice the same year, he at once began looking after his professional interests as a member of the firm of Prugh & Prugh, his partner being his brother, Harry H. Prugh. The business of the concern is general in character and has included some important litigation, for the combination has proved a successful one, attracting large interests by its demonstrated talent, its faithfulness to its clients' interests and the average of its victories in the courts. Mr. Prugh is a member of the Montgomery County Bar association, and of other bodies connected with his profession, and of several clubs and fraternities. He has shown a public-spirited citizenship worthy of emulation and has given generously of his services when staunch

support of civic movements has been called for. As before noted, he has various business interests, and is secretary of and attorney for the Ohio Saving and Loan association. This concern was originally founded under the style of Ohio Safe Deposit Trust company, in 1893, by the following: J. L. Prugh, president; Joseph A. Bigger, vice-president; Harry H. Prugh, secretary; Daniel A. Pfoutz, treasurer; Robert C. Bradford, William H. Lefevre and Samuel B. Bigger. It was incorporated for $50,000, and its offices were located on the second floor of the Kuhn building, where they remained until 1910. In that year, the company was reorganized as the Ohio Saving and Loan association, with the following officials: Samuel B. Bigger, president; J. M. Prugh, vice-president; and D. I. Prugh, secretary and attorney. The concern is now incorporated for $300,000, and is one of the safest and soundest organizations of its kind in the city, having the full confidence of the public. In July, 1917, its offices were moved to the second floor of the Ludlow building, where accommodations had been made to take care of the constantly increasing business, and where they are still located at the time of this writing.

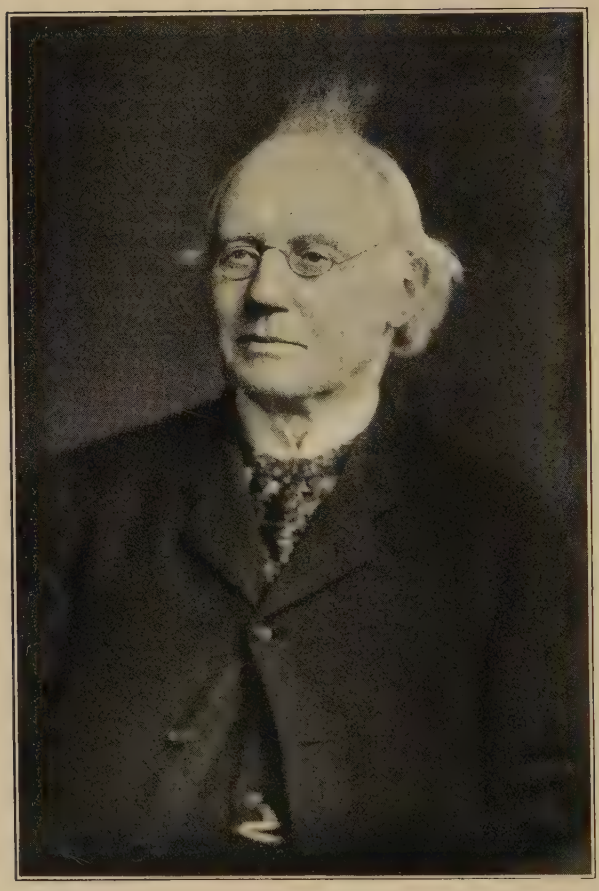
Chief Frank B. Ramby. Unselfish service for the public welfare may sometimes seem unrecognized, and the individual who offers himself for the good of his community is forced to make many sacrifices; but, in the majority of cases, appreciation finally comes, and is the more welcome in that it has been so delayed. In a great center like Dayton, the problems confronting the fire chief are of a character that cannot be overestimated. Immense property interests must be protected and the lives of the people and their homes must be safeguarded. To be chief of the Dayton fire department is an honor, but it is one that rests heavily upon the shoulders of the man to whom it is accorded, and requires ability, zeal, acumen and high courage, in order that its duties be faithfully and acceptably carried out. The record of Chief Frank B. Ramby, who has held this responsible office for more than eleven years, is one that has been an honor to himself, to the department and to the city. Frank B. Ramby is a native son of Dayton, and was born October 12, 1858, the family having been represented here for more than three-quarters of a century. His father was Thaddeus Stephen Ramby, a native of Hanover, Pa., who came to Dayton in 1842. He learned the shoemaker's trade here and followed that vocation until 1862, in which year he enlisted for service in the Union army during the Civil war. He became a private in the 127th Regiment, O. V.I. under Captain Pease, and fought bravely through the remaining years of that struggle, receiving his honorable discharge with a splendid record. When he resumed civil life, he returned to Dayton and again took up the peaceful implements of his trade, and for many years continued to work industriously, winning a fair measure of success and his fellow-citizens' respect and esteem. He is now living in retirement, at the age of ninety years. Frank B. Ramby was educated in the public schools of Dayton, and was a youth when he entered upon the activities of his career. He started in a small way with a delivery outfit and was the proprietor of that modest business for four or five years, then securing

employment in the screw factory. He worked for about two years as a gas and steam fitter, but gave up that work to enter upon his real career, as a member of the fire department, in 1879. His nearly forty years of service as a firefighter have been filled with interesting and exciting experiences, hard and dangerous work, and achievement of the highest honors in the department; and have been characterized by strict fidelity to duty and personal courage of the highest character. In 1888 he was made assistant chief of the department and continued in that capacity until 1907, when he was made chief. Under his administration, the department has been developed and greatly improved, and his executive ability has made it possible for the department machinery to work in a smooth manner, without the slightest friction. Chief Ramby has never asked his men to go where he would not, is their friend and best supporter, and as a result has the devotion of the entire department. He is a member of the First Reformed church of Dayton, to which his family also belong. As a fraternalist, he holds membership in Dayton lodge of Masons and Oregon lodge, K. P. In his capacity as good citizen he has been one of the energetic workers in the Greater Dayton association. Chief Ramby was married October 3, 1883, to Miss Amelia Tredtin, daughter of Frank and Amelia Tredtin, of Dayton; and to this union there have been born two daughters; Edith G., the wife of Joseph H. Eastin, of Chicago, Ill.; and Belle, L., wife of Walter Quesne, also of that city.

Netum Rathbun. The individual who can reorganize and build up definite relationships with others in his community is a benefactor, whether he labors as a professional man or as one in whom business interests are centered. Progress, aggressiveness, knowledge of men and events, and of human nature, are all needed in life's journey. Netum Rathbun, of Dayton, is one who occupies by reason of his position and his personal worth a place in his community that gives him great opportunity for the accomplishment of much good, in the building up of morality and religion, in the spread of education and in the development of higher citizenship. Mr. Rathbun, who is manager of the Christian Publishing association, the denominational publishing house for the Christian church, was born near Brighton, Clark county, Ohio, November 6, 1873, and was educated in the public schools of South Vienna, and at Goodfellow's Commercial college, Springfield, Ohio. His first employment was with the Troy Wagon works, at Troy, Ohio, as stenographer, a position from which he rose to that of sales manager. In 1911 he came to Dayton in answer to the offer of the post of manager of the Christian Publishing association. In 1850 this association was supplying a news medium for all the western country, including Wisconsin, Iowa and Missouri. Strong men were interested in the enterprise, which at that time was a stock company, and were editors of its organ, The Gospel Herald, which was issued weekly instead of semi-monthly after 1853. The first number of this publication had been issued October, 1843. Prior to 1865 its seat of business had been at New Carlisle, Springfield, Yellow Springs and Eaton, Ohio, successively, but after the year mentioned was moved to Dayton, and the name Christian Publishing association

came into being. A year later The Herald of Gospel Liberty was purchased and that paper, the oldest religious newspaper, founded September 1, 1808, has been published at Dayton since January 4, 1868. In 1893 the company was incorporated with Rev. D. A. Long as president and Rev. C. W. Choate as secretary, the latter being succeeded within a few months by Rev. A. H. Morrill, and custom work was then solicited. The regular publications are: The Herald of Gospel Liberty; Sunday School Herald; The Junior Herald and Little Teacher; The Bible Class Quarterly; The Intermediate Quarterly; The Junior Quarterly; Our Scripture Picture Cards and Sunday School Teachers' and Officers' Journal. In April, 1904 the new plant was built at Fifth and Ludlow streets, where there are four floors and basement, and this new building was dedicated June 22, 1905. In addition to their church publishing business, they also have a department for commercial work. The net assets of the association are more than $135,000. Mr. Rathbun is a shrewd, astute and energetic business man, whose reputation is of the highest and whose personal probity has never been questioned. He is a member of the First Christian church, where he is assistant superintendent of the Sunday school, and belongs also to the Y. M. C. A. and to the Dayton Chamber of Commerce. He likewise holds membership in the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery of Masonry at Troy, Ohio, and in the Order of the Eastern Star. June 7, 1896, Mr. Rathbun married Elizabeth, daughter of Andrew R. Smith, of Troy, Ohio, and they have had one son: Smith, who is deceased.

Earl L. Reeder. The success of the Dayton Coca Cola Bottling works in all of its undertakings is one of the notable records in Dayton business annals in this line of activity and Earl L. Reeder is credited by his associates with being one of the important factors in the making of the concern. During the three years that he has been connected with its growth and development, he has so well applied his abilities to the work at hand that he has succeeded in increasing its business materially in scope and volume, while his personal reputation and prosperity have grown in proportion to those of the firm. Mr. Reeder was born at Centerville, Ohio, December 4, 1880, a son of William Perry and Margaret (Weller) Reeder. His educational training included attendance at the graded schools and the Steele high school of Dayton, and Miami university, at Oxford, Ohio, following which he became identified with the National Cash Register company, where, during the following ten years, he made rapid and consistent progress. At the time of his resignation, in 1911, he had for some time been in charge of the welfare work of that great industry. Mr. Reeder then embarked upon an independent career, becoming the organizer and president of the Dayton Glove company, in the management of which he built up a successful enterprise, but, recognizing a broader and more prolific field, in 1917 bought a half interest in the Dayton Coca Cola Bottling works and sold his interests in the glove business. The Dayton Coca Cola Bottling works had been established at Dayton in 1909 by a Mr. Montgomery, who in 1911 was joined by Robert Hill. The latter's half interest was purchased by L. L. Hayner in



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1918. In the meantime, in January, 1917, the concern had been incorporated for $40,000, by Robert Hill, president and manager, and Earl L. Reeder, secretary and treasurer, but in 1918 a reorganization was effected, Mr. Reeder becoming president and sales manager, and L. L. Hayner, secretary and treasurer. In January of that year the company occupied its present plant at Stratford and Monument avenues, where the most complete modern machinery and equipment has been installed. Twelve people are employed at the Dayton plant, and seven salesmen cover a territory which extends over a radius of fifty miles from Dayton, and in addition branch plants are maintained at Union City and Richmond, Ind., and Piqua, Ohio. At the outset of his connection with this industry, the field offered unusual attractions to Mr. Reeder and he embarked in it with characteristic energy and enthusiasm, the result being that his operations have been attended with splendid success. His business talents, executive capacity and sound methods of advertising have combined to bring his concern prestige and prosperity and have gained him recognition in business circles. Mr. Reeder is an indefatigable worker and takes a keen interest in public affairs, but takes no active part in the politics of the city. He is a Scottish Rite Mason of the thirty-second degree, a Knight Templar and a Shriner, and belongs to Iola Lodge of the Knights of Pythias. He likewise holds membership in the Rotary and Community clubs and the Y. M. C. A., is a valued member of the Chamber of Commerce, and an enthusiastic sportsman, belonging to the Dayton Bicycle club and the Miami Valley Golf club. He and the members of his family attend the First United Brethren church. Mr. Reeder was married June 8, 1909, to Lillian, daughter of Orrion Dodds, of Dayton, who died December 20, 1918, leaving two children: Marjorie Jane and Jack Dodds.

John Charles Reeve, M. D., LL. D. At the ripe old age of ninety-three, Dr. J. C. Reeve still sits in his office at the corner of Third and Wilkinson streets, not to wait for patients, from which strenuous work he has been for many years relieved, but to greet his friends and recall the events of his long and interesting career. With books, in the company of his own keen and untiring pen, the daily mail and the visits of his own profession who greet him as the dean of medicine in the State of Ohio, Dr. Reeve goes down the pathway of old age serenely and happily. No one more than a doctor, one of the old-fashioned general practitioner kind, whose practice extended for a radius of twenty miles of muddy country roads can so well appreciate the freedom from care and responsibility that comes with retirement from hard work.

Doctor Reeve is an Englishman by birth, being born in Mells, Somerset, south of London, on June 5, 1826. Although only six years of age at the time of leaving England, he remembers much of the life of an English country home, his trip to London with his father at the time of the coronation of William IV, and the long sea voyage to America with his parents and seven brothers and sisters. The family settled in Cleveland, then a town of only fifteen hundred inhabitants, where the mother died. The advent of a second wife decided the boy John to leave home which he did, at

the age of twelve, and from that time he had no schooling and owed all he possessed or enjoyed to his own efforts.

With a keen appetite for learning, he employed his evenings in study, while his days were occupied in earning his living. An old shoemaker on an upper floor taught him German in exchange for the carrying of armfuls of firewood up three flights of stairs. Mathematics was acquired as well as French and English literature by means of similar self-sacrifice. He at last mastered the rudiments of an education up to the standards set by country school commissioners for their teachers and receiving a certificate took a country school southwest of Cleveland and "boarded round" as was the custom in those times.

Either before or after this experience he was apprenticed to a printer and followed the trade for some time, including with it, as the novelist Howells is said to have done, carrying papers and making himself generally useful in the office of the Cleveland Advertiser, th predecessor of the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Besides teaching and printing, Doctor Reeve was for a brief time a clerk in a dry-goods store, where rumor testifies that he was a lamentable failure.

Medicine as a profession had always made a strong appeal to him and the beginnings of it for him were with Dr. Delamater in the Old Cleveland Medical college, now the medical department of the Western Reserve university, meanwhile turning his hands to anything that promised to keep him going. He graduated in 1853, but four years preceding that event and after the trusting habit of young folks in those days he had taken to himself a wife, Emma Barlow, a teacher, and daughter of John Barlow, of Michigan. Even before taking his degree he had been to a certain extent in general practice, that being the loose way in which the public accepted medical standards. This small beginning was in what was the then frontier, at Mayville, Wis., a four-corners village of Dodge county, some miles west of Fond du Lac. It was hard work for both husband and wife. There were no conveniences of living, money was scarce and payment of fees more than likely to be in pork or potatoes; his duties as often including burying the dead as in attending the living; Indians were close neighbors and household help impossible to find. Two children born to them during that time died for lack of trained and scientific knowledge on the young father's part. At the end of four years of this fruitless existence the pioneers went back to Cleveland. Nothing was plainer to the Doctor than that he needed more preparation for his profession than the Cleveland college could give him, so spurred by an ambition rare in those days he decided to go to Europe for further study. Going to the moon at the present time would be scarcely more of an undertaking, nor the results less uncertain. But his wife, was a "sport," though they did not so express it at the time. She volunteered to go back to her teaching and be the temporary bread winner while her husband was abroad.

After a seven weeks' voyage in a sailing vessel Doctor Reeve reached London in the fall of 1853 and domiciled himself in the home of a friend of his mother's, Mrs. Charles Sherborn, at St. James square, and spent a winter of study at King's College hospital. The

summer of 1854 he spent at the University of Göttingen, Germany, finishing the term with a walking trip through Switzerland, undertaken partly as a well-earned vacation and partly to reach the port of debarkation at the least expense. Since this early trip to Europe Doctor Reeve has made many others, crossing seventeen times in all and always combining professional observation in hospitals and clinics with the pleasure of sightseeing.

Upon his return to Cleveland, in 1854, it seemed wise for one with his family history to locate as far as possible away from the severe winds and the winter climate of northern Ohio. A journey of exploration to the southern part of the state resulted in his locating at Dayton. After a few years of private practice, when only the tether of his debts kept him from returning to Cleveland, he was invited to be a junior partner with the late Doctor Carey, and from that time his place in the esteem and confidence of his fellew citizens grew.

In 1860 Doctor Reeve was appointed professor of materia medica in the Medical College of Ohio, at Cincinnati, and when the Civil war broke out Dr. Blackman, then the leading surgeon of Cincinnati, took his younger colleague with him on his numerous trips to the battlefields where much surgery of the most thrilling description was going on and where Doctor Reeve assisted. In spite of urgent argument to continue in Cincinnati Doctor Reeve returned to Dayton and continued in general practice there.

Not only medicine and surgery, but medical writing and book reviews occupied his busy years. He was said by the late Doctor A. J. C. Skene, of Brooklyn, to have been the best medical reviewer of his day in America. Facile expression with the pen united to clear scientific vision gave an attraction to all he wrote, faculties which have not faded with the years.

Student work of any kind is exceedingly difficult for a doctor in general practice, interruptions being not occasional but the constant routine. In spite of his handicap Doctor Reeve's name stands on the title page of more than one book of value. In 1859 he published a translation of Flouren's "History of the Discovery of the Circulation of the Blood." By his review, in 1868, of Wunderlich's "Thermometrie," before it was translated, he introduced the subject of medical thermometry to the profession of the country. Before this the estimating of the presence of fever in the human body was mere guess work; with the introduction of the clinical thermometer—the commonest tool of every present day physician—it became a scientific certainty. His contributions to the knowledge of anaesthetics and anaesthesia at a time when the subject was comparatively new and by no means well understood by the general profession were valuable. His first paper on the subject appeared in 1867 in the American Journal of Medical Sciences and was in the nature of a monograph. Later a paper from his pen appeared in the Lancet and Clinic giving an account of the symptoms and sensations produced by the self-administration of bromide of ethyl. Doctor Reeve was an authority on the composition and administration of the "A. C. E. Mixture," an anaesthetic largely used by the profession some decades ago. Gross quotes him in his "Surgery," fifth edition, Vol. II, p. 398.

These accomplishments in his own field brought Doctor Reeve a standing in his profession outside of the narrow circle of his local practice. He was one of the founders of the American Gynecological society, vice-president in 1887, member of council in 1881-85, Honorary Fellow 1897. He was Honorary Fellow of the College of Physicians in Philadelphia; president at different times of both the Montgomery County and State Medical societies; organizer of the staff of the Hospital of the Sisters of the Poor of St. Francis, the first hospital for the poor established in Dayton. In 1896 he received the degree of LL. D. from his Alma Mater, the Western Reserve university, for "literary contributions to medicine."

Doctor Reeve's professional friends, all of whom he has outlived, were the most eminent in the nation. Skene, of Brooklyn; Gross, of Philadelphia; Sims, of New York; Dunlap, of Springfield; Blackman, of Cincinnati; John S. Billings, J. P. Judkins, Theophilus Parvin—the list would be a long one if fully told. In his long and faithful life the most momentous changes have passed under his observation. Twice has he seen surgery revolutionized, once by asepsis and once by anaesthetics. In his youth operations were performed on patients alive to the full impact of pain; now they sleep painlessly under the surgeon's knife. He recollects when every family had at stated times, one by one, to undergo the ordeal of inoculation for varioloid to avoid the almost certain infection to that worst scourge of humanity, smallpox, and when even with such precautions a large percentage of the people one met were disfigured by the ravages of the disease. Once nothing was known of bacteriology and the germ origin of disease. The doctors themselves were the innocent carriers of contagion from one bedside to the next. Now the triumphs of aseptic surgery and the wonderful drop in the mortality statistics attest the change.

In practice, as late as 1868, gunshot wounds of the abdomen were always fatal. Mr. Vallandigham was a patient of Doctor Reeve. He died from recurrent hemorrhage following a pistol wound. Accounts of the accident appearing in the New York morning papers, Dr. Marion Sims, then making a fight for active interference in such wounds, telegraphed Doctor Reeve, "Open the abdomen and do what you can for him." The advice came too late, for the patient died, but now such advice would neither be needed nor given. Scores of such cases are saved every week. Cranial surgery, plastic surgery, "bone carpentry," transfusion of blood, skin grafting have all come in since the days of Doctor Reeve's active professional work and all been noted by him with pride in the achievements of his colleagues and regret that he could not have lived early enough to have practiced them.

For progressiveness was the watchword in Doctor Reeve's career. Personally he was ahead of the general practice of his day. A great reader, he noted every advance, every experiment, every proved or unproved achievement. His use of chloroform in childbed was greatly in advance of the accepted practice and the suffering he has saved to mothers is incalculable. In surgery he accepted the challenge of circumstances without hesitation, operating in places and under conditions that now would be considered impossible.

The Smithsonian institute at Washington has the results of one of his cases in a bullet-imbedded leg bone, amputated by him some years ago. His record in abdominal surgery is that of an early leader. He was an operator for ovarian tumor as early as 1872, when that operation was a surgical marvel. It was his fortune to remove from a little girl about eleven years of age the largest body ever removed by tracheotomy, a shawl pin three and a quarter inches long with a head as large as a buckshot. This patient is still living.

Though twenty-three years removed from the active practice of his profession Doctor Reeve still preserves his interest in the work as well as a vivid concern in literary pursuits and the progress of the war. The latest printed contributions to periodicals from his pen include one to the Ohio Archeological Quarterly on the Explorations of Henri Bouquet, and a series on medico-literary subjects entitled, "Excursions in My Library," in the "Medical Pickwick." On his ninetieth birthday, in June, 1916, the medical profession of Ohio gave Doctor Reeve a banquet, at which he read a paper occupying three-quarters of an hour's time in reading, relating to the progress of medical science of which he had been the observer during a career of over seventy years.

Doctor and Mrs. Reeve had four children: Charlotte Elizabeth, Mrs. Frank Conover, John Charles, jr., M. D., Ann Arbor and Jefferson Medical schools; Mary Sherborn, Mrs. Robert E. Dexter and Sidney Armour, M. E., Yale. All are at the time of writing living.

Frank B. Reibold. Among the progressive and enterprising business men of the younger generation who are identified with the handling of important commercial, industrial and financial institutions and interests, one who has made himself well known to Daytonians during his residence here in recent years is Frank B. Reibold, who since 1904 has been one of the officials of the large Reibold estate. He was born at Terre Haute, Ind., April 27, 1886, a son of Daniel and Mary S. (Longenecker) Reibold. His father, a native of Germany, emigrated to the United States in young manhood, settling first at Piqua, Ohio. He had some small means, which he invested in a cooperage business, but later disposed of his interests there and moved to Iowa. He was putting his affairs upon a sound foundation and succeeding well in his enterprise when the Civil war came on to interrupt his activities, and he enlisted in the 18th Iowa cavalry, a volunteer organization of the Federal Army, and fought bravely with his command from 1861 to 1865. He returned to Iowa with a splendid war record, prepared to resume his operations, but found conditions not the same as they had been before the war, and accordingly decided to start again in a new community. Hearing of an opportunity at Terre Haute, Ind., he moved to that city and established himself in a modest way in the shoe business. Through his industry and energy this business prospered and enlarged in scope, and prior to his death, October 20, 1897, he had become successful as one of his city's well-to-do men and had built his once modest business up to large proportions. In politics Mr. Reibold was a Republican. His religious faith was that of the Christian church, and he belonged also to the Masons, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Grand Army of the Republic. When he died

Terre Haute lost one of its public-spirited, valuable and honorable citizens. Mrs. Reibold, who survives him, came to Dayton in 1908 and still makes her home here. There were six children in the family: Frank B., of this review; Carrie, who resides at home; Fred, a resident of Los Angeles, Cal.; Leinad, who is the wife of Roscoe Nicodemus, of Detroit, Mich.; Edwin Tenno, who took up arms in his country's defense and served in the U. S. Engineer corps, and Benjamin F., at home. The Terre Haute public schools furnished Frank B. Reibold with his early literary training, following which he prepared himself for a business career by pursuing a course at Brown's Business college, in his native city. His first employment was with the Terre Haute Water Works company, remaining in the office in a clerical capacity for that firm for one year and then transferring his services to the Bunton & Craft Book company, where he held the position of store manager. In 1904 he severed his Terre Haute connections and came to Dayton, where he has since been identified with the Louis Reibold estate. He has become well and favorably known in business circles since his arrival and has impressed all who have come into contact with him favorably in regard to his ability and judgment. He votes the Democratic ticket at elections, but has only a public-spirited citizen's interest in politics, having never desired public office. His religious connection is with Grace Methodist Episcopal church. Fraternally he is a member of the Masons, and socially he belongs to the Kiwanis and other Dayton clubs. Mr. Reibold married August 11, 1910, Miss Helen R. Mosier, daughter of Moody Grandille and Anna Elizabeth (Hogsett) Mosier, of Dayton.

Louis Simmons Reibold. Numbered among the men of Dayton whose management of large estates has an influence upon the financial life of the city, is Louis Simmons Reibold. He belongs to a family which has been represented here for sixty-five years, and is himself a native son, his entire career having been identified with the city and its institutions. Widely known in financial circles as vice-president of the Teutonia bank, he is also identified with numerous other large interests, and during his career has borne a fair share of the responsibilities of public life. Mr. Reibold was born at Dayton, May 15, 1868, a son of Frederick and Emma (Simmons) Reibold. His father was born May 6, 1838, at Freinssheim, Germany, and was eight years of age when brought by his parents to the United States, the family settling at Cincinnati, Ohio. There the youth attended school, later went to Piqua, and about 1854 came to Dayton, where he learned the trade of shoemaker. He was industrious, energetic, ambitious and honest, and was soon the possessor of a modest retail shoe business, which he subsequently built up to large and profitable proportions. When he disposed of this enterprise it was to embark in the banking business, and in this, as in commercial lines, he achieved a pronounced success. He eventually became president of the Teutonia bank, and remained in that capacity, directing the affairs of the institution in an admirable manner, until his death, March 15, 1904. He was a Republican, but did not care for political office or politics, although a good and public-spirited citizen. He belonged to the Third Street Presbyterian church, of which he was

a regular attendant, and to the movements of which he contributed liberally. In Masonic circles he was widely and prominently known, having attained the thirty-second degree and being also a Knight Templar, and also held membership in the Dayton club. He was universally esteemed and respected in business, banking and social circles. Mrs. Reibold, who survives her husband and resides at the Algonquin hotel, was born June 4, 1840, at Portsmouth, Ohio. There were two children in the family: Louis Simmons, and Margaret, who is the wife of Robert C. Craig-MacKerrow, of London, England. Louis Simmons Reibold was educated in the public schools of Dayton and trained for a business career by a course in a commercial college. As a young man he entered the Teutonia bank, working his way up from a clerkship to a responsible position, and at the time of his father's death became the manager of the Reibold estate. He has since occupied this position and has handled its affairs efficiently, in addition to which he has discharged the duties of vice-president of the Teutonia bank. Mr. Reibold is a Republican. He has taken a keen and helpful interest in civic affairs, giving his material and moral support to all good and progressive movements. His religious connection is with St. Andrew's Episcopal church. As a fraternalist he belongs to the Masons and Elks, and in addition to a number of Dayton clubs, holds membership in the Lotus and Aero clubs of New York and the Business Men's club of Cincinnati.

Frank Joseph Reichert, prominent real estate operator of Dayton, was born in Baden, Germany, August 4, 1874, a son of Martin and Magdalene (Imhoff) Reichert, natives of the same community. His father was born December 28, 1832, and as a youth learned the trade of cobbler, but later took up farming, and in 1888, seeking a place to make a home for his family, emigrated to the United States and located at Dayton. After a few years he retired from active pursuits, and his death occurred November 11, 1899, when he was sixty-seven years of age. He was a faithful member of the Catholic church, to which Mrs. Reichert, who was born December 18, 1847, and still survives her husband, also belongs. There were five children in the family, as follows: Frank Joseph; August, of Dayton; Joseph A.; Barbara, the wife of Francis Griffin, of Dayton, and John M., of this city. Frank Joseph Reichert was educated in the public schools of Germany, and was a lad of fourteen years when he accompanied his parents to the United States. Here he learned the baker's trade in the establishment of Philip Weench and, proving painstaking, intelligent and industrious, received deserved promotion. Later he received the appointment to the position of baker at the State hospital, Dayton, where he remained twelve years and discharged his duties satisfactorily, and his next connection was with the Bauman Baking company. Later he was in the same line with C. H. Bosler, but in 1912 decided upon a venture of his own, and with his brother, August, founded the baking business of Reichert Brothers, which had a successful career, and of which Mr. Reichert is still the owner. In 1915 Mr. Reichert was the leading factor in the formation and organization of the Reichert Food Products company, which began business at that time at No. 319 W. Concord street, in a new and modern plant. The capital of the business was $100,000,

and the officers: Frank J. Reichert, president; August Reichert, vice-president; J. M. Reichert, secretary and treasurer, and J. A. Reichert, second vice-president. A large and steadily growing business was built up under the management of the brothers, but in 1919 they retired from the field of activity when, July 1, they disposed of their interests to the Piqua Milling company, of Piqua, Ohio. At that time Mr. Reichert centered his interests in the real estate business, to which he had formerly given his attention. While he has been an operator for only a comparatively short time, he has already transacted some large deals, and has become known as a good judge of values and a progressive and energetic business man. He has been identified with the business interests of Dayton for many years and has always stood ready to do his part in the work that makes for good citizenship. No one could be more deeply interested in the city's welfare than he. With his family, he belongs to Holy Trinity Catholic church and holds membership in the Knights of Columbus. June 21, 1911, he married Ida E., daughter of Henry and Mary (Maywald) Eilerman, of Dayton, and they have had one child: Martin A., who is now deceased.

Hon. William A. Reiter. There is no vocation that commands greater respect, and few which offer better opportunity for the display of character and ability than does that of the legal profession. The Montgomery county bar has long ranked with the most distinguished of the state, and has numbered among its members many men of high standing. Among those who have been prominently identified with the profession in this county for many years, as well as with the civic, social and political life of the community, few have gained a higher reputation for sagacity and justness than has Hon. William A. Reiter, of Miamisburg. Mr. Reiter was born in this city January 6, 1860, a son of Rev. Dr. Isaac H. and Margaret J. (Heilman) Reiter, and comes of prominent, old-established families of Ohio who removed to this state from Pennsylvania during the pioneers' epoch. His paternal grandfather, William Reiter, removed from the Keystone state to Ohio at a very early day, settling near Wooster, in Wayne county, while his maternal grandfather, Philip Heilman, also removed from that state to Ohio during the pioneer epoch and settled near Tiffin. Rev. Dr. Reiter, father of William A. Reiter, was for many years a minister in the Reformed church, giving the best efforts of his life to the promotion of the cause of Christianity and for the adoption of the principles of the church by his fellow men. He was the stated clerk of the Ohio Synod and of the General Synod of the Reformed church in the United States. In 1854 he removed to Miamisburg, where he maintained his home throughout his remaining days, passing away in 1895, when more than seventy-six years of age. His wife survived him for about eleven years, dying also at the age of seventy-six. Hon. William A. Reiter has always made his home at Miamisburg and his early education was acquired in the common and high schools of this city. Later he entered Heidelberg university, Tiffin, Ohio, and was graduated from that institution with the class of 1880. His natural predilection was toward the profession of law, and soon after completing his schooling he began to study for that vocation in the office

and under the direction of Capt. Adam Clay, of Miamisburg. His preparation was most thorough and comprehensive and he was admitted to the bar in 1882, soon after which he established himself in the practice of law and has since been an active practitioner of this city. Besides the practice of his profession, Mr. Reiter has held many offices of trust and honor and in every capacity has proven himself capable and efficient. Neither fear nor favor has ever been able to swerve him from a course which he has believed to be right, his loyalty to his honest convictions being one of the salient features of his character. He has served as a member of the school board and was thrice elected mayor of his city. In 1889 he was elected to the Legislature and served four years, retiring from that office with a character strengthened in the estimation of the general public because of obvious honesty of his intentions. Although the scope of his professional work has always been broad, Mr. Reiter has found the leisure and inclination for other affairs, and is a Mason of high standing, belonging to Minerva Lodge, No. 98, F. & A. M.; Trinity Chapter, No. 44, R. A. M.; Reese Council, R. & S. M., of Dayton, and Reed Commandery, K. T., also of Dayton. He has attained the thirty-third degree of the Scottish Rite and has been accorded high honors in Masonry, having been Grand High Priest of the grand chapter of the state of Ohio. He also holds membership in the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

Raymond B. Retter. A member of the widely known firm of Carr, Allaman, Retter & Murr, Raymond B. Retter is one of the most forceful members of the Dayton bar. His mastery of the principles of the common law have made him a striking and successful advocate. Mr. Retter is a native son of the state in which he has gained substantial reputation, having been born at Fairfield, Greene county, Ohio, November 2, 1877, and when a child was brought to Dayton by his parents. Here he received his early education in the graded schools and Steele High school, and then entered the law office of John A. McMahon. Under that capable attorney's preceptorship he made rapid and substantial progress, and in June, 1900, was admitted to the bar and became associated with Mr. McMahon, with whom he practised for eight years. At that time was formed the partnership of Carr, Allaman, Kenady & Retter, which has since been succeeded by Carr, Allaman, Retter & Murr, known as one of the strongest and most formidable in the city. Mr. Retter is a member of the Montgomery County, Ohio State, National and Federal bar associations and of the Lawyers' club of Dayton. His professional, business and social connections are numerous, his acquaintance with worth-while men is large and his friendships are many. June 24, 1904, he married Vinnie E., daughter of Michael and Katherine (Kenady) Madigan, of Dayton, and they have one son: John A., who is attending school.

Fred B. Reynolds. Much truth has been written relative to the natural advantages offered by the location of Dayton, which have played an important part in the development of the metropolis of the Miami valley. Still credit must be given in no small degree to the shrewd, keen, aggressive men, many from other states, who have been factors in the great development of the city, particularly

along the line of real estate. Through the combination of the natural situation and the brains of the men already here and attracted here, there has been produced a municipality second to none in a number of ways. Fred B. Reynolds, real estate operator, is an excellent instance of a man meeting his congenial life work and developing it into a prosperous enterprise. Mr. Reynolds is a contribution to Dayton from the state of New York, having been born in New York City April 13, 1865, a son of Ezra Reynolds. His education was secured in the public schools of Moravia, N. Y., following which he secured a position with the Singer Manufacturing company, of New York City. Mr. Reynolds' fidelity and reliability were evidenced by the fact that for twenty-six years he remained as an employee of this concern, and that he left only when he felt it time for him to embark in an enterprise of his own. In 1908 he came to Dayton, and October 31 started in the real estate business with John C. Good, this association continuing for one year. During the next three years he operated alone, and then formed a partnership with Charles Wirshing, with whom he continued to be associated until 1915. Since that time he has been an independent dealer, with offices at No. 701 Conover building. Mr. Reynolds is a general dealer, but makes a specialty of buying city and farm property, building thereon, and then selling. He has engineered some important deals, in which he has shown marked business capacity, and his rating, both with his fellow-operators and the public in general, is an excellent one. Identified as he has been for eleven years with important business interests of Dayton, he has well borne his part in the business world and has also lived up to a high ideal of good citizenship. Conservative in his methods, his prosperous career demonstrates that his methods have been sound, and his ideas well worth while. Mr. Reynolds is a member of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, and is a Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner. With his family he belongs to Grace Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Reynolds was married November 16, 1888, to Miss Minnie Lytle, daughter of Samuel Lytle, of Erie, Pa. They have one daughter: Luella, the wife of William M. Davis, of Chicago, Ill.

Charles Rhoads. One of the well and favorably known families of the Brookville community of Montgomery county is that of Rhoads, members of which have long stood in high esteem as worthy citizens, prosperous and skilled agriculturists and people of kindness, high ideals and charitable instincts. Worthy representatives of this family, who are so well known as to need no special introduction, are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rhoads, whose beautiful estate and picturesque home are situated two and one-half miles southwest of Brookville. Charles Rhoads is a native of Montgomery county and was born January 15, 1867, the sixth child in a family of five sons and two daughters born to Noah and Mary Ann (Thompson) Rhoads. Of these children, five are living and all are agriculturists of Montgomery county, and one, Abner, is also a gardener and an expert taxidermist. Noah Rhoads was born in Ohio in 1830, and grew up to agricultural pursuits in his native county of Montgomery, where he secured a public school education and where his life was passed, his death occurring in 1909. While

his education was obtained in a log cabin school with slab benches, and the text books the Old Testament and an early "speller," he was a well-informed man, as he was also a man of honor and integrity, and in politics was a Democrat, but never sought nor desired public office. He was a member of the Lutheran church, while his wife belonged to the Methodist faith. Mrs. Rhoads was born in Ohio in 1836, and died in 1878, being laid to rest in Pyrmont cemetery, while the father rests in a grave at Pleasant Hill cemetery, where suitable monuments mark their last resting places. Each Memorial Day the graves are covered with white roses, the bushes having been planted by Mr. Rhoads himself. The present Rhoads homestead has been owned by three generations of the family, and Charles Rhoads is now in possession of a number of the articles used by his grandparents, the pioneers from Pennsylvania, including the tar buckets, iron kettles and wagon bows. Mr. Rhoads is largely self-educated, for while he attended the common schools, a large part of his learning has come through his reading of good literature. He has devoted his life to agriculture and horticulture, and began his independent career when he reached the age of twenty-one. Three years later, October 31, 1900, he was united in marriage with Mary C. Aberle, and to them there have been born two children: Walter O., who graduatd from the Brookville High school at the age of sixteen years, and now resides at home and assists his father (he will also take a business college education), and Marguerite, in the 7th grade of the public schools, who is taking private instruction in developing her marked musical talent. Mrs. Rhoads was born March 11, 1877, a daughter of George and Barbera (Snyder) Aberle, four of whose other five children are also residents of Montgomery county. Mrs. Rhoads' brother, Grant, was in the United States Army service, and was stationed at Bordeaux, France, as a draughtsman. George Aberle, for years engaged in the threshing business and now a resident of Dayton, was born in Baden, Germany, in August, 1850, and was seven years of age when brought to America by his parents, passage being made in a sailing vessel which crossed the Atlantic in six weeks. He is a Republican in politics and a Lutheran in religious faith, while Mrs. Aberle belongs to the Mennonite faith. Mrs. Rhoads was educated in the public schools in Englewood and is a woman of marked intellectuality and vigor of mind and body. She was an able factor in the establishment of the happy home, and has always been her husband's wise and faithful helpmate and counsellor. Mr. Rhoads is independent in politics, casting his vote for the man rather than the party. He has never cared for public office. During a period of thirty years he has been a horticulturist and has made a specialty of flowers and vegetables, and at the present time is embarking in the enterprise of raising berries and small fruits. Both Mr. and Mrs. Rhoads are fond of travel and of viewing beautiful scenery, and this they have indulged in trips to Maine and Canada. While they enjoy travel, however, their greatest pleasure is found in their beautiful home, the abode of hospitality and kindness, where they extend to both acquaintances and strangers a warm and cordial welcome.

William S. Rhotehamel. In the vocation of law at Dayton there are few attorneys who have attained a more substantial position in public confidence than has William S. Rhotehamel, not alone because of the success which he has achieved, but because this success has been attained with honor. While his equipment at the start of his career included undoubted inherent talent, he has demonstrated the truth of the statement that success is not the result of genius, but the outcome of clear judgment and the application of truths learned through experience. Possessing untiring energy, forming his plans readily and being determined in their execution, and applying himself closely to his calling, he has won well-deserved position and prosperity in a city which boasts some of the best legal talent in the country. Mr. Rhotehamel was born at Greenville, Ohio, August 21, 1880, a son of Harvey Rhotehamel. His educational advantages as a lad were of an ordinary character, for he attended only the public schools, and what knowledge he has since obtained has been self-gained. He chose the profession of law as his life's work, and opportunity came for its study in the office of A. L. North, an attorney of his native place, with whom he remained for several years, or until being admitted to the bar, in June, 1908. At that time he came to Dayton, where he opened an office, and subsequently passed through the probationary period which most young lawyers must experience before they gain a foothold. His abilities and talents, however, were of such a character that he soon began to attract clients, and since that time his business has been of the most desirable character. Mr. Rhotehamel in a number of controversies of an important nature has come forth the victor because of superiority in various departments of his profession, and he is not merely a book lawyer but one who is capable of producing a formidable opposition to any attack. His practice is of a general nature and his cases bring him into all the courts. Mr. Rhotehamel belongs to the Montgomery County Bar association, and fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was married to Miss Ella Helmer, a native of Greene county, Ohio.

Samuel B. Ricketts. It not infrequently occurs that the best results in life are attained through some accidental happening. A man may start out purposing to devote his time and energies to a certain line of work, but often because of impaired health be diverted from this channel into another, which proves much more desirable. Natural tastes are worth cultivating, and some are born with a leaning in one direction, while others could not succeed in this line but accomplish wonders in another. The real estate business is one which requires more than an acquired knowledge of its requirements, and to attain the best results necessitates the possession of a natural taste for the business. Samuel B. Ricketts had made no plans to enter the realty field prior to moving to Dayton, but ill health demanded that he change his vocation, and during the quarter of a century that he has been engaged in enterprises here he has won a substantial business position and very desirable compensation. Mr. Ricketts was born at New Lexington, Perry county, Ohio, March 27, 1851. He was given good educational advantages

in his youth, first attending the public schools of Perry county and subsequently Ohio State university, where he was graduated in 1878 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and from which he received the Master's degree in 1881. When he left college it was to enter the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church, and during the next fourteen years he filled various pulpits in Ohio, becoming widely known as a minister of zeal and eloquence. Too close confinement and unrelenting application to his labors, however, finally demanded their price, and he was advised by his physician that if he wished to avoid a complete breakdown he would have to have a change of occupation. In 1892, therefore, he reluctantly gave up the work in which he had been engaged so long and successfully, and came to Dayton, where he chose the real estate business as the field in which to work out his success. He has since followed the same line, with the result that today he is accounted one of the foremost realty men of the city, being particularly known for his activities in building homes and selling them on easy payments. He has contributed to the growth of the city by his work in developing plats and among the neighborhoods which have been built up in this way are Walnut Hills, the Logan & Ricketts plat in North Dayton and the Nevin plat at Edgemont. Mr. Ricketts has always been a close student of the land question and has reinforced his study by much practical experience. His idea includes that which finds expression in the very highest kind of commerce, namely, the idea of service. The purchaser is put first and his interests are jealously guarded. Sales are not made to those who are not likely to thrive and Mr. Ricketts stands back of the purchaser with his superior intelligence, experience and larger resources. Mr. Ricketts is a public-spirited citizen who has given his help to various enterprises for civic betterment. He was married October 22, 1878, to Miss Angelia Wright, daughter of Henry Wright, of Athens, O., and to this union there have been born three children: Mary Almeda, the wife of Dr. E. H. T. Foster, of New York city; William C., of Dayton; and Rev. Raymond W., of New York, formerly a member of the Methodist conference and a chaplain in the U. S. army.

Charles Arthur Ridgway. Among the musical institutions of the Middle West, one which has won merited recognition as having met the need for a school in the Miami valley where a complete musical and artistic education might be secured, is the Dayton Conservatory of Music. Founded in 1913 by Charles Arthur Ridgway, under his continued direction it has developed in scope and usefulness, and is now accounted one of the city's chief artistic assets. Charles A. Ridgway was born at Corning, N. Y., a son of Morris D. and Francelia (Patchen) Ridgway. His father was engaged in the wholesale grocery business in the Empire State for some years, but later moved to Minneapolis, Minn., where he was identified with real estate matters until his death. The widow, who survives, makes her home with her son at Dayton. After attending the public schools of Minneapolis, Charles A. Ridgway entered the University of Minnesota, and was graduated therefrom with the class of 1903. He had early shown such marked musical

talent that he decided upon a career in this direction and in order to prepare himself therefor attended the Boston Conservatory of Music. Subsequently he took private instruction for piano under such well known teachers as H. S. Wilder, A. K. Virgil, Frank Noyes and B. J. Lang; harmony under George Howard and Homer A. Norris; and organ under John P. Marshall, organist of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. In all he remained in Boston for four years, and also spent a short time at Columbus, but in 1905 came to Dayton, where he began teaching the piano, the organ and theory. In 1913 he founded the Dayton Conservatory of Music, at 127 West Monument street, the original faculty being: C. A. Ridgway, piano, organ and theory; Mrs. Clara Oglesby and Miss Marie Hammer, piano; Miss Mary Good Royal and Ellis P. Legler, voice; Charles K. Holstein and Albert Fischmann, violin; and Eleanor Just Kinsey, expression. The present faculty is as follows: piano, C. A. Ridgway, Mary A. Guyer, Mrs. Irene Segar Banta, Miss Caroline Long, Miss Esther Fallis, Miss Margaret Ochiltree, Miss Claudia Engle, Freda McCorman, Margaret Green, Mrs. Charlotte Pettit Payne, Esther Hoffman, Naomi Emrick and Anna McDonald; organ, Mr. Ridgway; voice, Mrs. Oriana Abbott Jennison and Ellis P. Legler; violin, Jefferson Walters; harp, Noreen Gorman; cello, Gaylord Humbarger; chorus conducting, John Finley Williamson; and expression, Mrs. Mary Mays Coler. There are about 500 pupils in all departments at the present time, and four different courses are open to the pupils: the regular, to receive diplomas; the elective; the teachers'; and the artist. So high is the standard in the artist course, that there thus far have been but two graduates, the Misses Ethel Apple Voin and Mary Elizabeth Blue. The Dayton Conservatory during its comparatively few years of existence has been remarkably successful and the school is now firmly established. Distinct advantages of the conservatory method over private tutoring are found in the fact that enthusiasm is aroused when pupils work with other students, a friendly rivalry being created which encourages them to put forth their best effort; that there are frequent recitals by both faculty and students, and that there is the opportunity for class study in such subjects as harmony, composition, musical history, opera, drama and for ensemble playing and singing. Dayton during the past few years has made distinctive advances as a center of musical accomplishment. and the Civic Music League, of which Mr. Ridgway is a director, has brought to the city some of the finest artists in the country. The home of the Dayton Conservatory of Music is what was formerly the fine old E. M. Thresher residence, for many years a center for Music and Art and wonderfully adapted to the needs of a school of this character. There is a large recital hall on the first floor, and the smaller rooms form ideal studios and practice rooms for the various departments, while the whole building is in keeping with the artistic atmosphere that prevails throughout. The Conservatory Students' Club is one of the most important factors in the life of the school. This club is a flourishing organization of the more advanced students from all departments, and at the meetings, held twice a month in the recital hall, programs of unusual excel-

lence are presented. The Conservatory Orchestra affords an opportunity for the advanced students of violin and other instruments to acquire valuable experience in orchestral playing, and a high standard of excellence is maintained. Director Ridgway was for seven years organist of the Third Street Presbyterian church, for two years of the Linden Baptist church, and for the past two years of the First United Brethren church. He is accompanist of the Dutch club and a member of the Dayton Symphony club, and belongs also to the Country club and to Mystic Lodge of the Masonic order. His religious affiliation is with the First Baptist church, of Dayton, to which his mother also belongs.

Bernard R. Rieck. Of the concerns which have honorably contributed to the prestige of Dayton in the manufacture of standard articles, and one which has had a career of more than a quarter of a century is that which now bears the name of the Rieck Sheet Metal company. It has been conducted under its present style since 1913, in which year the founder disposed of his interests to his sons, Edward A. and Bernard R. Rieck, the latter of whom, in the capacity of president, is known as one of Dominant Dayton's substantial, capable and reliable business men. Bernard R. Rieck is a native son of Dayton, and was born April 21, 1879, his parents being Herman and Caroline Rieck, natives of Germany. Herman Rieck was a lad of eight years of age when he came to the United States with his parents, the family settling at Dayton where he completed his education in the public schools. As a youth he began to work for the Winchert Sheet Metal company, and was connected with that business until 1892, when he embarked in business on his own account, as H. F. Rieck. His venture was a modest one at the start, when he occupied a small store at No. 15 Wayne avenue, but by 1898 the business had grown to such proportions that he was compelled to seek more commodious quarters and accordingly built a plant at Nos. 506-8 Wayne avenue, where he continued until his retirement in 1913, in a general sheet metal business. His record was an honorable one, and his name is still remembered in business circles as that of a man of the highest integrity. Bernard R. Rieck was educated in the public schools of Dayton, and when he entered upon his career it was in the business which had been founded by his father. When the Rieck Sheet Metal company was incorporated for $25,000, in 1913, he became president of the new company, with Albert F. Hickey as vice-president, and E. A. Rieck secretary and treasurer, and in May, 1914, the business was moved to Monument and Taylor streets. These quarters proving inadequate for the satisfactory handling of the greatly increased business; in June, 1917, it was removed to Shawnee street, at the foot of Pine, and in December of the same year the plant was purchased by the company. Floor space comprising 33,000 square feet is now available for use and from twenty-five to thirty people are given regular employment. Among some of the larger contracts completed by the Rieck Sheet Metal company may be mentioned the Y. W. C. A., the Oakwood Car barns, St. Joseph's Catholic church, buildings at the National Cash Register company's plant, the Domestic Engineering company (Morain City), and the C. F.

Kettering residence. Mr. Rieck has not only impressed himself as a capable man of business in directing the affairs of this concern, but in his connection with other enterprises. He also has prominent civic connections and has evidenced his public spirit in a number of ways. He was married November 16, 1900, to Ida M., daughter of John Hickey of Dayton, and they became the parents of three children: Harold, Laverne and Wesley, all at home. Mrs. Rieck died April 18, 1909, and Mr. Rieck was married December 14, 1912, to Mrs. Margaret Anderson, of Waverly, Ohio.

Edward A. Rieck. From the time that he entered upon his business career, Edward A. Rieck has been identified with the sheet metal business at Dayton, and the concern of which he is now secretary and treasurer, the Rieck Sheet Metal company, is today recognized as one of the leaders in its line in the city. Mr. Rieck was born at Dayton, Ohio, June 8, 1877, a son of Herman F. and Caroline Rieck, natives of Germany. Herman F. Rieck was eight years of age when brought to America and the family at once settled in Dayton, where the lad completed his education in the grammar schools. When ready to adopt his life work, he entered the employ of the Winchert Sheet Metal company, and continued to be connected with that business until 1892, when he established a business of his own, opening a modest establishment at No. 15 Wayne avenue, under the name of H. F. Rieck. He was industrious, enterprising and careful in his work, and business soon came to him to such an extent that by 1898 he was forced to seek larger quarters and accordingly built a plant at Nos. 506-8 Wayne avenue, where he continued successfully in business until his retirement in 1913, as a general sheet metal manufacturer, then selling out to the Rieck Sheet Metal company, composed of his sons, Edward A. and Bernard R. Rieck. Mr. Rieck was a man of great energy during his active years, and his achievement in building up a substantial business from small beginnings was a notable one. Edward A. Rieck obtained his educational training in the public schools, and his earliest business knowledge was that concerning work in his father's plant. He learned the sheet metal business from the ground up, and when he and his brother, Bernard R., bought the business in 1913 he was thoroughly prepared to capably assume the duties of secretary and treasurer. Bernard R. Rieck is president of the concern and Albert F. Hickey vice-president, and the concern is incorporated for $25,000. In May, 1914, the business was moved to Monument and Taylor streets, but these quarters proved inadequate and in June, 1917, the business was taken to Shawnee and the foot of Pine street, the present plant, which was purchased by the company in December of the same year. Floor space comprising 33,000 square feet is in use, and the plant is equipped with the latest and most highly improved machinery and appurtenances, and from twenty-five to thirty people are given regular and steady employment. Among some of the larger contracts completed by the Rieck Sheet Metal company may be mentioned the Y. W. C. A., the Oakwood Car barns, St. Joseph's Catholic church, buildings at the National Cash Register company's plant, the Domestic Engineering company (Morain City), and the

C. F. Kettering residence. Mr. Rieck's associates in business circles have found him a man of ripe and experienced judgment, whose executive capacity and knowledge of conditions have served to place his usefulness upon a high plane. He has a number of important business, social and civic relations, and is an elder in the Baptist church. July 18, 1907 Mr. Rieck married Florence, daughter of Izaiah Moyer, of Dayton, and they have had three children: Violet and Everett, who are attending the public schools: and Elwood, who is deceased.

Arthur Leon Rieger. Among the many important industries which have brought prosperity and prestige to the city of Dayton, one which has been developed through years of intelligent work on the part of thoroughly informed and capable men, is that of the manufacture of paper. This industry numbers in its ranks many men who have devoted their entire careers to this line of endeavor, and among these, one of the best known is Arthur Leon Rieger, vice-president and general manager of the Peerless Paper company. Mr. Rieger is a native of Dayton, born December 25, 1866, a son of Louis and Mary Rieger. Louis Rieger, his father, was born in Bavaria, but was still a youth when he emigrated to the United States, in 1848, and took up his residence in Dayton. He was variously employed for a time, teaching school for several years, but definitely deciding upon a regular line of occupation and when thirty years of age, began to learn the blacksmith's trade. This he mastered thoroughly and continued to follow the trade until he retired on a competence, living quietly until his death in 1903, his wife having passed away two years previously. The mother, Mary Rieger, was born in Cincinnati. Arthur Leon Rieger received his literary education in the public schools of Dayton, and secured his first business experience in the employ of a Dayton grocery . While there he became convinced that he needed further preparation for a business career, and accordingly took a course in the Miami Commercial college, which fitted him for a position as clerk with the H. E. Mead company. His industry and ability were rewarded by promotion, first to bill clerk and later to bookkeeper, and in the latter capacity he joined the Mead Paper company. In 1901 he was made secretary of this concern, later was advanced to general manager of the trustees of the banks for the company, and March 1, 1905, became treasurer and sales manager for the Mead Pulp & Paper company. On May 1, 1916, the Mead Pulp & Paper company purchased the controlling interest in the Peerless Paper company and Mr. Rieger became a director of that company. On November 1, 1917, the two offices were combined and Mr. Rieger, in addition to being treasurer and sales manager of the Mead Pulp & Paper company, became the treasurer and general manager of the Peerless Paper company. On December 30, 1918, the reorganization of the Peerless Paper company took place, which separated the two companies, making the Peerless Paper company a distinctly separate organization, in which Mr. Rieger became the vice-president and general manager. Mr. Rieger has long been recognized in business circles of Dayton as a man of undoubted ability, whose judgment is sound, whose foresight is keen, and

whose counsel is extremely valuable in matters of vital business importance. He belongs to a number of civic bodies, allying himself with movements making for the general betterment of municipal conditions and government, and is a thirty-second degree, Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner, and a member of the Dayton club, the Engineers' club and of the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Rieger was married February 19, 1891, to Miss Anna R. Dennewitz, daughter of Prof. Christian Dennewitz, of Dayton, and to this union there have been born two children: Lowell Putnam, secretary and treasurer of the Peerless Paper company, and father of James Herzing Rieger; and Nelson Miles, Ohio State university, Class of 1922.

Lowell Putnam Rieger, Secretary and Treasurer of the Peerless Paper company of Dayton, Ohio, is one of the younger business men of the city who has made rapid strides since entering upon his career. He was born at Dayton, Ohio, December 4, 1891, a son of Arthur Leon and Anna (Dennewitz) Rieger, and a grandson of Louis and Mary (Froelich) Rieger; and Christian and Johanna (Hibbler) Dennewitz. Arthur L. Rieger, his father, was born at Dayton, Ohio, December 25, 1866, and is one of the leading men in the paper industry here. He has had a number of important connections, and is at present vice-president and general manager of the Peerless Paper company. A complete review of his career will be found elsewhere in this work. His mother was Miss Anna R. Dennewitz, a daughter of Prof. Christian Dennewitz, of Dayton, Ohio, who was united in marriage with Arthur L. Rieger on February 19, 1891, to which union there have been born two children: Lowell Putnam, secretary and treasurer of the Peerless Paper company, and Nelson Miles, Ohio State university Class of 1922. Mr. Rieger received a public school education in Dayton, and like his father, his first experience was in the employ of a local grocrey. He then was employed in one of the local shoe stores as a salesman, and while thus engaged he decided that he needed further preparation for a business career, and he then took a complete business course at Miami Commercial college. After completing his studies he took a position as stenographer in the general superintendent's office of the Dayton Motor Car company, which concern was subsequently absorbed by the United States Motor company; Mr. Rieger continuing with the new company in various capacities in the cost, order, stock and purchasing departments. After a connection of about four years with the Dayton Motor Car company and its successor, the United States Motor company, he left to join the Mead Pulp & Paper company in 1911, where he was employed in the capacity of bookkeeper. After several years experience in the accounting department, in which department he advanced to the position of assistant comptroller, he was then promoted to the sales department, following which he was elected assistant secretary and assistant treasurer of the company in 1916. In May, 1916, the Mead Pulp & Paper company purchased the controlling interest in the Peerless Paper company, and Mr. Rieger became a director in the new company, and was also elected to the position of secretary and treasurer, in addition to his duties as assistant secretary and assistant treasurer of the Mead

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Pulp & Paper company. In December, 1918, a re-organization of the Peerless Paper company was effected which separated the two companies, making the Peerless Paper company a distinctly separate organization. At this time he severed his connection with the Mead Pulp & Paper company as assistant secretary and assistant treasurer, devoting all his time to the interest of the Peerless Paper company, in which Company he continued as a director and secretary and treasurer. The Peerless Paper company was established in January, 1909, as the successor to the Snider Paper company, and was originally incorporated for $35,000. In 1912 a new plant was built at Idylwild avenue and Webster street to manufacture raw stock for roofing paper. In May, 1916, when the concern was purchased by the Mead Pulp & Paper company, several new buildings were erected and considerable new machinery was installed, and since that time the company has been manufacturing high grade bond, writing, ledger, book papers and specialties, and has developed to the extent where it now has about 200 employees and produces an average of 70,000 pounds of paper daily. The present capital is over $600,000. Mr. Rieger is a young man of unbounded energy, marked executive ability, and has a thorough knowledge of the business with which he is connected. He is fraternally affiliated with the Masonic lodge, and is also identified with several social organizations. He was united in marriage on January 1, 1914, with Miss Wanda Louise Herzing, of St. Marys, O., to which union there has been born one son, James Herzing Rieger.

Abraham N. Rife. For a period covering more than forty years, Abraham N. Rife has been engaged in the leaf tobacco business at Dayton, where he has attained high position in business circles and is known as one of his city's substantial and public-spirited citizens. Mr. Rife was born in Dayton, December 18, 1857, a son of John Bosler and Eleanor (Nicholas) Rife. His father, born in the community of Lancaster, Pa., in 1816, was about fourteen years of age when he came to Dayton, and here completed his education and learned the carpenter's trade. He gradually developed into the proprietor of a profitable contracting business, which he conducted until 1870, in that year going to a farm, upon which he carried on operations for five years. Returning to Dayton in 1875, he made this city his home until his death. He married Eleanor Nicholas, who was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, and who, like her husband, was a faithful member of the United Brethren church. They were the parents of nine children: Esther, who is deceased; Abraham N.; Katie, deceased, who was the wife of Louis Herman, of Dayton; Sarah, the wife of Frank Schelley, of this city; Minerva, the wife of A. J. Blackburn, also of Dayton; Joseph, Wilbur and Charles, who are deceased; and Nettie, deceased, who was the wife of Oscar Peffly, of Phillipsburg, Ohio. Abraham N. Rife received his education in the public schools of Dayton, and when thirteen years of age accompanied his parents to the farm in Montgomery county, where he passed the next five years. When he returned to the city he became identified with the leaf tobacco business, first as an employee and subsequently as the proprietor of a business of his own, and gradually he has developed a large and important

industry. He is widely known to the tobacco trade, and in business circles has an excellent reputation for integrity and fidelity to engagements. Mr. Rife has various other business connections and is vice-president of the Farmers Bank of Verona, Ohio. He is a Mason of the Scottish-Rite degree, a Knight Templar and a Shriner, and also holds membership in the Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. With his family, he belongs to the United Brethren church, in the work of which he takes an active part as a member of the board of trustees. March 21, 1880, Mr. Rife was united in marriage with Martha J., daughter of William and Amy (Snor) Corwin, of Clay township, Montgomery county, the latter a native of this county and the former of Preble county, agricultural people who are now both deceased. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rife: Myrtle May, who is deceased; Carl S., of West Milton, Ohio, who has two children, Corwin Spencer and John Maynard; True B., a captain in the ordnance department at Washington, D. C.; and Deo D., deceased.

Henry Harley Riley. Among the business men of Brookville, none is more worthy of representation in the Memoirs of Miami valley than Henry Harley Riley. For forty years he has been identified with the business interests of this locality, and during this time has established a reputation for honesty and integrity as a business man and soundness and public spirit as a citizen. Mr. Riley was born in Warren county, Ohio, March 3, 1862, the fifth in a family of ten sons and three daughters born to Wilson and Mary Ann (Frantz) Riley. Ten of the children still survive and all are residents of Ohio. Wilson Riley was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, in 1833, and died in 1881, his remains having been interred in his native county. By occupation he was an agriculturist and blacksmith, and while his education was only that to be acquired in the public schools, he was a well informed man, and a strong advocate of the free school system. Known for his habits of industry and integrity, he was respected in his community, where he wielded some influence for good, and at one time was elected constable on the Republican ticket. His fraternal connection was with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and religiously he belonged to the Reformed church, while his wife adhered to the faith of the United Brethren church. Mrs. Riley was also a native of Montgomery county, born in 1832, the year of the Black Hawk war, and died in 1906. A beautiful monument, sacred to the memory of the parents, stands on the spot where they are buried in the Pyrmont cemetery, west of Brookville. Henry Harley Riley is in reality practically a self-educated man, although he was granted the privleges of a public school education. As a youth he had the call to become an architect and builder, and if he could have had the chance and training would have chosen those professions, but circumstances were such that opportunities were denied him. At the age of twenty years he faced the world without capital, but with a strong determination to make his life a success, an aim, be it said, that he has fully accomplished. He began as an apprentice to a carpenter, and, being a born architect, subsequently drew the designs of numerous buildings now standing as evidences of

his skill, among them being the National Bank building, the Sanford & Marshall block, the United Brethren church and the Church of the Brethren, all at Brookville; the United Brethren church at Johnsville, Ohio; and the church of the same denomination at Voorhess, Ohio. He still has many of these drawings in his possession, and they show rare skill and proficiency as to architectural value. Mr. Riley began his career as a contractor at Brookville in 1884. He specialized in the field of woodwork, and thousands of dollars worth of this work has been accomplished by him in the surrounding county. January 28, 1898, Mr. Riley was married to Miss Emma Ardella Kouts, and to this union there has been born one son, Burnett, who was educated in the Brookville high school, and completed the business course at Jacobs Business college, Dayton. He is now a garment-cutter in the well known firm of Al-Ehn Garment company of Brookville, and a high salaried man. He is a Republican and a member of the United Brethren church, and a young man who commands universal respect and who numbers his friends by the number of his acquaintances. Mrs. Emma A. Riley was born in Montgomery county, and was an affectionate wife and mother, whose home was her chief interest. She was an earnest worker in the Ladies' Aid Society of her church, and at all times was ready to perform her full duty as a Christian woman. Her death caused sincere grief, not only in her immediate family, but throughout the community, where her many splendid qualities of mind and heart had been known and appreciated, and where her many charities and benevolences have since been sorely missed. Mr. Riley is a staunch and unswerving Republican, and has been since he cast his first presidential vote for James G. Blaine, the "Plumed Knight." As an advocate of the principles of his party and a man of prominence, he is accounted one of the wheel-horses of republicanism in his community, and in 1898 was elected to the town council of Brookville, in which he served with credit to himself and to the benefit of the town. Fraternally, Mr. Riley is affiliated with Brookville Masonic Blue Lodge, No. 596; West Milton Chapter, R. A. M.; Gem City Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Dayton; Castle Hall Lodge, No. 544, Knights of Pythias, at Verona; and Camp No. 7720, Modern Woodmen of America, at Brookville. Mr. Riley is one of the pillars of the United Brethren church, and was a generous contributor toward the building fund for the erection of the present beautiful edifice. He is also a faithful member of the Men's Bible Class of that church, one of the largest and best-attended organizations of the town of Brookville. Mr. Riley's residence is located on Hays avenue, and its friendly portals always stand open for the entertainment of his numerous friends.

Albert P. and George C. Rinderknecht, jr. Among the enterprising and most successful young business men of Montgomery county, Ohio, none is more worthy of mention in the Memoirs of the Miami Valley than Albert P. and George C. Rinderknecht, jr., members and officers of the Rinderknecht Lumber company, of Dayton. Their labors have not only constituted a potent factor in the industrial interests of this city, but are evident in many ways, and their careers indicate men who are ready to meet

any obligations of life with the confidence and courage that comes of conscious personal ability, right conception of things and an habitual regard for what is best in the exercise of human activities. Their parents, George C. and Mary H. (Phillipi) Rinderknecht, are both natives of the "Buckeye State," and are numbered among the influential and valued citizens of this city. The father was formerly engaged in the jewelry business at Monroeville, Ohio, but in April, 1901, removed to Dayton and engaged in the lumber business, in which field of activity he has since continued, being President and Treasurer of the Rinderknecht Lumber company of this city, successors to a business founded in 1870 by Philip E. Gilbert.

Albert P. Rinderknecht, Secretary of the Rinderknecht Lumber company, was born in Monroeville, Ohio, July 31, 1879. His educational advantages were those afforded by the public schools of that village and a business college at Sandusky, Ohio. After leaving school he found employment with the Ohio Sash & Door company, with which he remained for three years. He then accepted a position with the Commercial Sash & Door company, of Pittsburg, and two years later became associated with his father in the lumber business at Dayton, with which concern he has since been an active factor. The firm was incorporated in March, 1918, under the title of the Rinderknecht Lumber company, with a capital stock of $50,000, and its business includes the handling of lumber, timber, posts, shingles, lath, window and door frames, roofing, doors, sash, mouldings, glass, etc. The company also furnishes the material in large quantities to contractors and builders and to local factories, and is one of the worthy enterprises of this city. Albert P. Rinderknecht was married June 16, 1903, to Miss Anna Foeller, of Monroeville, Ohio, and they have two children: Clayton, and Arthur.

George C. Rinderknecht, jr., was born in Monroeville, Ohio, September 8, 1884. His education was acquired in the public schools of his native town, and since he was seventeen years of age has been identified with the lumbering interests of Dayton. He removed to this city with his parents in 1901, and since that date has been associated with his father in the management of the extensive business now conducted by the Rinderknecht Lumber company, of which he is vice-president. He was married May 29, 1912, to Miss Jeannette Joyce, of this city, and they have three children: Joyce, Ralph and Ruth. Mr. Rinderknecht is a Scottish Rite Mason, belonging to St. John's Commandery of this city, and is prominent in both business and social circles.

Robert M. Robinson. Some individuals are possessed of those sterling characteristics which enable them to rise from very small beginnings to positions of influence in the business circles of their locality. From the start they are able to grasp firmly every possible opportunity, and carry on their plans to successful termination, and yet at the same time to gain and hold the esteem and confidence of those with whom they are brought into daily association. Robert M. Robinson, from the start of his active career, has advanced steadily in position and public confidence in connection with railroad affairs, as traffic commissioner of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce since 1911. He represented the public and served the

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Government as part of the staff of the Division of Public Service, United States Railroad Administration at Chicago, Cincinnati and Washington during the period of Federal control of the Railroads. Mr. Robinson was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, August 1, 1876, a son of James and Isabelle (Graham) Robinson. His father, a mechanic, died when Robert M. Robinson was but three years of age, but the mother still survives at Dayton, to which city she came with her son in 1899. The early death of his father made it necessary for Robert M. Robinson to early become self-supporting, and as a result his educational advantages were limited to those to be secured in the public schools of Cincinnati. When his studies were completed he secured employment with the Ohio & Mississippi railway, which later became a part of the southwestern division of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. Mr. Robinson's first position in the general offices, to which he was assigned, was in the passenger accounting department, but later he was transferred to the freight statistics department, and continued to hold a desk there until 1899, when he came to Dayton with the Pennsylvania railway. In March, 1900, he was placed in the local freight office, where he remained until 1911, at which time he was induced to become traffic commissioner of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, a position which he now holds. Mr. Robinson's general ability and his familiarity with transportation affairs caused him to be chosen in 1916 as a member of the committee to investigate the shortage and high cost of coal. His splendid services in this capacity led to his appointment in 1917 as fuel administrator for the Dayton District. Another trust which is being faithful and efficiently discharged by Mr. Robinson is that of representing the local shippers in the National Industrial Traffic League, in which he is a member of the executive committee. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, has various social and civic connections, and is a member of the Dayton Bicycle club. July 27, 1907, Mr. Robinson was married to Miss Mary Anna Van Pelt, daughter of Judge D. B. Van Pelt, of Dayton, and to this union there have been born two children: Richard Van Pelt and James David, both attending the Dayton schools.

Rudolph Roemhildt, a well-known business man of Dayton and a member of the firm of Delscamp & Roemhildt, dealers in paints, with quarters on North Main street, was born in this city, March 25, 1876, and is a son of Bernhard and Katherine (Eis) Roemhildt. Bernhard Roemhildt was born in Saxony, Germany. He came to the United States in 1850, landing in New York harbor, and from there made his way to Dayton, O., where he was employed as a cabinetmaker with the Barney & Smith Car Works company for thirty years. He then retired in order to go into business for himself and from that time until his death, May 25, 1897, he conducted a music store. He was a reliable, dependable man under all circumstances. He served as a soldier in the Union Army during the Civil war. After coming to Ohio he married Katherine Eis, who was born at Newark and survived until December 24, 1916. Rudolph Roemhildt attended the public schools in boyhood and some years later took a business course in Wilt's Commercial college. He began business life as a cash boy in a dry goods store

but three months later entered the jewelery store of E. A. Mudge to learn the business and continued with Mr. Mudge for five years and for three years afterward was associated with his brother, C. W. Roemhildt. His college course followed and he then entered the Irvin Paint & Glass company and continued with that business house as bookkeeper for seven years. In the meanwhile Mr. Roemhildt matured plans for going into business for himself which resulted in his association with Mr. Delscamp and Henry Lowe in the organization of the Lowe Paint Store company, which continued until 1913, when the present firm of the Delscamp & Roemhildt company was organized. The sound business policy pursued by the firm has resulted in substantial business expansion. On March 1, 1919, Mr. Roemhildt severed his connection with the Delscamp-Roemhildt company and April 14, 1919, organized the Roemhildt company, re-entering the wholesale and retail paint and glass business. Mr. Roemhildt was married November 21, 1901, to Miss Jennie P. Rosien, who is a daughter of Fred and Elizabeth (Luther) Rosien. They are members of the First English Lutheran church at Dayton, and he is very active in the Y. M. C. A. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets, Knights of Pythias and the U. T. C. and belongs also to the Dayton City club, and for two years was president of the Builders' exchange; is also a charter member and treasurer of the Exchange club.

Louis H. Rogge. In enumerating the men of Dayton whose fine abilities have been exercised in the building up and development of some of the city's important business enterprises, mention should not fail to be made of one whose career has been notably successful. Louis H. Rogge, vice-president and treasurer of the Dayton Wire Wheel company, was one of the organizers of this business, much of the success of which can be accredited directly to his efforts and executive ability. Mr. Rogge was born at Dayton, November 6, 1880, a son of Frederick Rogge, who came to this city about 1855, being treasurer of Zwick & Greenwald company at the time of his death. He had a wide acquaintance and bore an excellent reputation for strict integrity and marked ability. After attending the public schools of Dayton, Louis H. Rogge pursued a course in Beck's Commercial college, and on leaving that institution entered the office of the Meeker Manufacturing company. Subsequently he entered the service of Zwick & Greenwald company and remained in all about nine and one-half years, during which time he won frequent promotions, so that when he left their employ he resigned the positions of vice-president and manager. In December, 1916, he was one of the organizers of the Dayton Wire Wheel company, of which he became vice-president and treasurer, his associates in this venture being A. N. Wilcox, president; and C. L. Miller, secretary. The business was capitalized at $25,000, and commenced the manufacture of wire wheels and metal parts, about twenty-five people being employed at the start. As the excellence of the product became known, the business grew and developed, and today the company is giving employment to 200 people in turning out its product, which is handled by the jobbing and retail

trade, the company also retaining the services of six traveling salesmen. During the war period the company was engaged 100 per cent in war work. At the time of its organization, the Dayton Wire Wheel company bought the building of Pinneo & Daniels company, at the Big Four railway and the Miami Chapel road. Mr. Rogge is also otherwise engaged in looking after important business connections in which he is interested. He belongs to the Dayton Bicycle club and and to several civic bodies, and is a director of the orphan's home, at Richmond, Ind. He was married June 22, 1904, to Miss Elizabeth Ditzel, daughter of Adam Ditzel, of Dayton, and three children have been born to them: Harold L., Elwood H. and Charlotte E.

Roy H. Rohr. The superintendent and manager of the plant of the Montgomery Tool and Manufacturing company was born at Dayton, Ohio, June 23, 1888, a son of Joseph Rohr. Educated in the public schools, he learned the trade of machinist at the Platt Iron works and the Globe Iron works, and furthered his preparation for a successful career by mastering the tool-maker's trade. Following this he was employed successively at the National Cash Register company, the Ohmer Fare Register company and the Delco plants, from the latter of which he came to the Montgomery Tool and Manufacturing company in March, 1917, as foreman, a position from which he has since been advanced to superintendent and manager of the plant. This company was established January 1, 1917, by H. J. Malloy, president; J. W. Smyers, vice-president; and C. A. Thistlewaite, secretary and treasurer, the original capital being $10,000, and the business of the company being the manufacture of dies, jigs, fixtures and gauges. In the plant, located at the corner of First and Madison streets, there were originally employed three people, and how greatly the business has increased during the three years of its existence may be seen in the fact that employment is now given to thirty mechanics. In 1918, Messrs. Smyers and Thistlewaite sold their holdings in the company, and L. A. Soward, who had been a stockholder and director, became secretary and treasurer, while Mr. Yocum assumed the vice-presidency. During the war period the company's plant was engaged in Government work to the full capacity of the business. In the double capacity of manager and superintendent, Mr. Rohr has been able to contribute materially to the success of this business. A skilled mechanic himself, he has the faculty of securing good work from his subordinates, whose respect he has gained through his own knowledge of the crafts. He is fraternally affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America, in which he has numerous friends, as he has also in other circles. August 7, 1912, Mr. Rohr married Florence Zugelder, of Dayton, and they are the parents of four children: Louise, Urban, Dorothy and Mary.

Alpheus Rollman. One of the pretty and attractive little estates of Perry township is that of Mr. and Mrs. Alpheus Rollman, beautifully located on the Pyrmont pike. These worthy people belong to the highest type of agricultural citizenship of Perry township, and have the respect of the entire community, as through their many sterling qualities of mind and heart they have endeared

themselves to their friends and neighbors. Mr. Rollman was born in Preble county, Ohio, November 27, 1866, the youngest in the family of seven children born to George and Jane (Whistler) Rollman, and a record of the careers of the parents will be found elsewhere in this work, in the review of Eugene Rollman, a brother of Alpheus. Alpheus Rollman was reared in his native county until he reached the age of twelve years, at which time his parents removed to a farm in the neighborhood of Eaton, Ohio, where he completed his schooling in the public schools, although he is largely self-educated. He began his independent career as a wage earner, at $5 per month, and continued principally as a farm hand until his marriage, a part of the time residing with his parents. December 21, 1884, he was united in marriage with Katie Dean, and to this union there have been born three daughters. Myrtle M., the eldest, is the wife of Justin Smith, one of the prosperous merchants of Brookville, and has a young daughter, Helen. Mrs. Smith completed her education in the public schools of Pyrmont, and is an accomplished instrumental musician, having had instruction in music. She is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Brookville and a member of the board of stewards, and Mr. Smith is a Republican in his political tendencies. Mary Eva, the second daughter, was educated at Pyrmont, where she spent two years in the high school, and is a lover of good literature and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. She married Sherman Wysong, a successful agriculturist of Clay township, Montgomery county, and they have two daughters: Evelyn and Kathryn. Mr. Wysong is a Democrat. Bessie M., the youngest daughter, was educated in the Brookville high school, and was educated also in music, and is a talented performer. She is a member of the United Brethren church at Pyrmont, and the wife of Harry Shank, a successful agriculturist of that vicinity. They have one son: Alpheus Harvey. Mr. and Mrs Rollman have every reason to take a pardonable pride in their children, who occupy place of honor and substantiality in their communities. Mrs. Rollman was born in Preble county, Ohio, March 28, 1867, the sixth in a family of seven sons and four daughters born to John O. and Sarah (Early) Dean, of whom nine children are living, three being residents of Preble county, one of Darke county, and two of Montgomery county, while Mrs. Rollman's sister, Mary, was formerly a resident of Richmond, Ind., and is now located transiently at Dayton. John O. Dean was born in Butler county, and for the greater part of his active career followed farming, although he was also, for eighteen years, proprietor of a large stone quarry. He accumulated a farm in Preble county, and at the time of his death, in 1892, at the age of sixty-eight years, was considered a well-to-do man. He and his wife were interred at Sugar Hill cemetery, where a suitable monument stands to mark their last resting place. Mrs. Dean was a native of Ohio. Her disposition was kind and her heart large, and the poor always found in her a generous friend and the sick a solace and comfort. She was a member of the Dunkard church, in the faith of which she died February, 1917, at the advanced age of eighty-six years, while her husband was a consistent member of the Methodist

church. Mrs. Rollman received a common school education and has been an affectionate mother and faithful and devoted wife. In 1909 she and her husband purchased their present farm of 32.54 acres, for which they paid spot cash, indicating that up to that time they had practiced commendable economy and exercised great energy and industry. Their land is adapted to the cultivation of grain and tobacco, and the premises are models of neatness and beauty. The appropriate name of "Fair View Farm" describes the surroundings, and the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Rollman always receive a welcome at their hospitable home. Mr. Rollman is a Republican, having cast his first presidential vote for William Henry Harrison. He is a firm advocate of the public schools, and contributed valuable service to the school system as a member of the board of directors for eleven years. He has also served as road commissioner of Perry township, and has been identified with every progressive movement inaugurated in his community. Mrs. Rollman is a faithful and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Rollman has always contributed liberally to the various movements of that religious body. They are both citizens who are eminently worthy of a place of preferment in the Memoirs of the Miami Valley of Ohio.

Eugene P. Rollman. The capacity for finding enjoyment in what one has to do, of being able to invest one's labor with interest and enthusiasm, are essentials of success which have been incorporated in the career of Eugene P. Rollman, one of the prosperous residents of Brookville. During his active and honorable career his energies have led him into various lines of endeavor, in each of which he has achieved success, and while he has been advancing in a material way he has not been indifferent to the welfare of his community, for both he and Mrs. Rollman are widely known as among the most active supporters of the church and active workers in the religious life of their locality. Mr. Rollman was born on a farm in Montgomery county, Ohio, February 21, 1862, the fifth of a family of six sons and one daughter, of whom four are living, born to George and Elizabeth Jane (Whistler) Rollman, and a member of a family which descends from good old Pennsylvania German stock. The children living are: Clara, a member of the United Brethren church of Brookville and widow of Simon Somers, formerly a carpenter and later an agriculturist, and a man who took a high stand upon the question of temperance; Jesse B., formerly a horticulturist and now an agriculturist of Ashtabula county, Ohio, married and the father of five children; and Alpheus, an agriculturist of Perry township, Montgomery county, who is married and has three children. George Rollman was born in 1826 in the first log cabin with a shingle roof built at Dayton where this interesting old land-mark of pioneer days still stands. He was educated in the primitive subscription schools of the early days and as a young man taught music to classes in the churches, but eventually became an agriculturist and owned a farm of seventy acres near Eaton, where he died in the faith of the United Brethren church, in 1901, aged seventy-six years. In politics he was originally a Whig and later a Republican. Mrs. Rollman was

born in 1826 in Montgomery county, her parents, natives of Pennsylvania and people of wealth for their day, being early settlers of the hills in the neighborhood of Dayton. She was a great church worker and a very estimable woman and died in 1881 in the faith of the United Brethren church. Eugene P. Rollman was three years of age when his parents removed to Preble county, and there he received his education in the public schools of West Sonora. He is a self-educated man in the main, and as a youth learned the art of telegraphy at Dodson and secured his first employment at that place, which continued to be his home for more than a quarter of a century. At Dodson he was in the grain business, erecting the elevator there and conducting it for seven years. Mr. Rollman was forced to begin life at the bottom of the ladder, as when he entered commercial life in partnership with his brother his capital consisted of but $150, and it was necessary for the brothers to go deeply into debt. By determination, push and energy, this indebtedness was cleared off, and a success was made of the business. During the twenty-seven years he remained at Dodson, he was for twelve years a partner of D. C. Albert in the grain and tobacco business, and in addition acted as telegraph operator and station agent for the railroad. For seven years previous to leaving Dodson, in 1907, he also acted in the capacity of postmaster and gave his fellow-citizens excellent service in that capacity. When he left, he and his partner divided a business that was valued at $25,000. Coming to Brookville, he purchased a grain elevator which he conducted seven years, but sold out to Mr. Schlientz and moved to Richmond, Ind., in order that he might secure better educational advantages for his children, returning to Brookville after an absence of seven years. Mr. Rollman is the owner of a farm of 120 acres north of Dodson, which was the last of the school lands sold, upon which he has splendid improvements, including one of the finest concrete barns in the country, the dimensions of the main part being 40x72 feet, and of the straw department 40x40 feet. He likewise owns another farm of 103 acres, in Perry township, and a further tract of twenty-three acres. The beautiful Perry township property is known as Springdale farm, and it, like the other property had modern improvements and splendid buildings. Mr. Rollman's land is all under a high state of cultivation and yields him a goodly income, for he is an excellent manager and is thoroughly informed upon the question of farming. His holdings are entirely clear from indebtedness. For several years Mr. Rollman has made his home at Brookville, where he is accounted one of the community's most substantial and reliable citizens. He was married December 19, 1889, to Miss Celia Smith, and they have been the parents of two sons and three daughters, of whom four children survive: Ford E., the eldest, graduated from the Brookville high school and Earlham college, Richmond, Ind., and was seeking his master's degree at the University of Chicago when the United States entered the great war. In accordance with his training and principles he at once enlisted, and after a period of intensive training in camps in this country, in January, 1918, was sent across the Atlantic, and began transporting mail and supplies in a Motor Supply Truck

company, being assigned to this service with the Mallett Reserved French forces. He was in eight battles. Eventually he was made driver of the private automobile of the major general of his division and continued to be so engaged until the signing of the armistice. He has an excellent record as a soldier, and is a young man of splendid character and business capacity. He is a Republican and a member of the United Brethren church. Vesta M. Rollman, who is unmarried and resides with her parents, attended the common schools and the Brookville high school, and after her graduation from the latter became a student at Earlham college from which she was graduated in music. She was also a student at Northwestern university, Evanston, Ill., she makes music teaching her profession, and is choir director at the United Brethren church at Brookville. Welcome P. Rollman, who resides with his parents, is a graduate of the public schools and Earlham college, and was drafted into the army, being taken first to Camp Taylor and then transferred to McCook Field, where he was in training for the Aviation service when the armistice was signed. Lady Alice Rollman, the youngest of the children, is a member of the class of 1920 at the Brookville high school, and is taking violin instruction. Mr. and Mrs. Rollman have every reason to be proud of their children. Mrs. Rollman is a native of Greenwich, Huron county, Ohio, born February 1, 1862, a daughter of William and Aseneth (Roscoe) Smith. Her father was a native of New York and an early settler in the Western Reserve of Ohio, where he first followed carpentry and later agriculture. He and his wife were members of the Society of Friends and died in that faith. Mrs. Rollman has four living sisters and brothers. Educated at Greenwich, Mrs. Rollman became a successful school teacher as well as an evangelist and church worker, following that vocation in several states for a period of ten years. She is possessed of many estimable traits of character and numerous excellencies of mind and heart, and has done a great deal of Christian work, being one of the pillars of the United Brethren church, where she is president of the Missionary society. Politically, Mr. Rollman is a Republican, and stands firmly upon the question of prohibition. He has been a member of the board of trustees of the United Brethren church for a period of thirty years, and is chorister of the Sunday school, possessing a clear and pleasing voice. He and Mrs. Rollman aided in the erection of the church at Brookville and their sons and daughters have aided in the work of that denomination as teachers in the Sunday school. The beautiful Rollman home on Maple street is the abode of hospitality and the many sincere friends of the family always meet with a cordial welcome within its portals.

A. J. Ross, a well-known dealer in leaf tobacco at Germantown, Ohio, belongs to that class of men who devote their entire lives to a single line of industry. Mr. Ross, who has a wide acquaintance and an excellent standing in the leaf tobacco trade, was born at Germantown, Ohio, October 12, 1864, and was given his educational training in the publiic schools. When he laid aside his studies he became a clerk in the business of Robert Ross & Son, and thus continued, thoroughly learning the business of manufacturing cigars

until ready to embark upon a venture of his own. He was then for five years identified with cigar manufacturing, but in 1900 became the proprietor of his present leaf tobacco business, in which he has gained great success. In 1915, his son, Robert H. Ross, was admitted to partnership in the concern, which employs fifty people and controls a large and representative trade throughout Ohio and the adjacent states. Mr. Ross is a member of the Miami Valley Tobacco Buyers' association, and is fraternally affiliated with the Masons, the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Independent Order of Foresters. With the members of his family he holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, and has officiated as superintendent of the Sunday school. Mr. Ross was married October 5, 1886, to Anna, daughter of Joseph Henry, of Butler county, Ohio, and they are the parents of two children: Robert H., who is his father's business associate, and Miss Marjorie, who resides with her parents.

Ralph G. Rossell. Combining as he does the qualities of architect and structural expert, Ralph G. Rossell has taken a leading position in the ranks of Dayton's architects during recent years and is regarded as one of the most thorough men in his line in the city, the architectural work for W. G. Shafer on the Shafer Heights plat, being of his planning. Mr. Rossell was born at Dayton, June 30, 1887, a son of Louis and Mary Elizabeth (Glancy) Rossell, the former a native of Dayton and the latter of Clermont county, this state. His father was a lad when brought to Dayton, where he attended the public schools, and for a number of years was a mechanic employed at the plants of the National Cash Register company and Vaile-Kimes, the Platt Iron works and the Stoddard Automobile company, and at present is an inspector for the Computing Scale company of Dayton. His early education was furnished by the graded schools and the Steele High school, following which he secured employment with F. M. Andrews, with whom he remained one year. Subsequently he was employed by W. E. Russ for two years, but feeling the need of more advanced education, resigned his position and entered Cornell university, Ithaca, N. Y., from which he was graduated with his degree in the class of 1912, after a course in architecture. His career in his calling was commenced in the offices of Schenck & Williams, architects, as a draughtsman, and was advanced until he was placed in charge of the draughting room, but in October, 1917, embarked upon the practice of his profession as an independent architect. Close application to detail and originality of design have won him the confidence of property owners, and his ideas are doing much to mould the form of architecture in several communities. Mr. Rossell is a member of Stillwater Lodge of Masons, of the Chapter and Council, and of Reed Commandery, and is popular with his fellow-members, as he is also in professional and business circles. He was married September 22, 1911, to Susanna, daughter of Leonard and Mary (Knecht) Daut, of Dayton, and they are the parents of two children: Mary Elizabeth and James Daut.

Charles W. Roth. A Daytonian by birth and one of the men who has made good use of his opportunities is Charles W. Roth,

secretary and treasurer of the Buntell-Roth company, stationers and dealers in office furniture and supplies. Mr. Roth was born in Dayton, October 20, 1879, a son of William and Amelia (Schwartz) Roth, and received only a public school education. His first employment was with the National Cash Register company, with which he remained three years, following which he entered the employ of the Globe-Wernicke company Later, for a time he was with the Macey company, of Grand Rapids, Mich., as traveling salesman. December 4, 1915, at Dayton, he formed an association with Charles J. Buntell in the founding and formation of the Buntell-Roth company, for the handling of stationery, office furniture and office supplies, the original capital being $10,000. Mr. Buntell became president of the concern and Mr. Roth secretary and treasurer, and December 30, 1915, the capital was increased to $30,000, this being doubled June 4, 1918. Twenty people are given regular employment at the establishment at No. 113 E. Third street, and five traveling salesmen are maintained on the road, the territory covered being southwestern Ohio and eastern Indiana, where the products of the concern meet with an excellent market, especially in regard to several specialties which are manufactured exclusively for this concern. Mr. Roth has become widely known to the trade as one thoroughly conversant with every angle and detail of the business and as a man of sound and practical judgment and unquestioned integrity. He belongs to the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, the Y. M. C. A., the Dayton Turners and the Mystic, Dayton, Kiwanis and Miami Valley Golf clubs, and is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine.

Hon. Harry N. Routzohn. The career of Hon. Harry N. Routzohn, judge of the probate court of Dayton, presenting as it does a worthy example to the rising generation, has been one of hard and constant effort since his early boyhood, centered for the past several years in the performance of arduous professional duty in the several relations in which he has been placed. The high dignity to which he has attained at a time in life when he is but beginning to acquire his full measure of power is evidence in itself that the qualities of ambition, perseverance and industry afford the means of distinction under a form of government in which the places of honor are open to all who may be found worthy of them. Judge Harry N. Routzohn has the added distinction of being a native son of Dayton, of having acquired his education and early training here and of achieving his success in his birthplace. He was born November 4, 1881, his parents being Henry J. and Mary (Moler) Routzohn. As a lad his education was limited to attendance at the public schools, after leaving which he showed his industry by securing a position with the street railway company, upon which he worked for about a year. Opportunity then presented itself in the form of an appointment as page in Judge Alvin W. Kumler's court, and it was here that the lad's ambition was fully aroused and his career was decided upon. Judge Kumler took a friendly interest in the young man and encouraged him in his efforts, and under this wise preceptorship he made rapid strides in his study of the law. He was admitted to the bar June 22, 1904, and at once began practice at Day-

ton, where his talent and steady application soon attracted to him a practice that was both profitable and representative in character. In January, 1906, he stepped into his first public position when he became assistant prosecuting attorney and continued in that capacity until January 1, 1909, when he resumed private practice. He continued to be identified with much important litigation, constantly advancing in the ranks of his profession, until January 1, 1917, he assumed his judicial position, and since then has presided over the Probate Court. Judge Routzohn has already established an excellent record and has gained the esteem of bench and bar and the confidence of the public. His character will bear the severest scrutiny, for in all the transactions of life he has guarded his honor with that sensitive care which has ever kept it above suspicion. He interests himself constantly in enterprises and movements of a progressive and constructive nature and is one of the enterprising members and energetic workers in the Greater Dayton association and the Y. M. C. A. Fond of outdoor life, he belongs to the Dayton Bicycle club, and he has also a number of fraternal connections, being a thirty-second degree Mason and a Shriner, as well as a member of the K. P. and the I. O. O. F. His religious affiliation is with the Methodist Episcopal church. Judge Routzohn was married September 22, 1901, to Miss Laura E. Poock, daughter of Louis D. and Emma L. (Bollman) Poock, of Dayton, and to this union there have been born three children: Norman E., Emma Louise and Jessie Gwynn, all at home.

Harry E. Routzong, D. D. S. In the dental profession at Dayton, one whose advancement has been marked and consistent is Dr. Harry E. Routzong. During the more than eight years in which he has made this city his field of endeavor he has succeeded in building up an excellent practice and in establishing himself in a position where he is recognized by his fellow-practitioners as a man of discernment, professional skill and commendable ethical principles. He was born at Fairfield, Ohio, September 20, 1886, a son of Charles L. and Ellen (North) Routzong, and his early education was obtained in the public schools of his native place. Subsequently he attended Heidelberg college for two years, and then went to the Ohio State university, from which he was graduated with the class of 1910, receiving the degree of D. D. S. In that year he began practice at Grove City, Ohio, but in 1911 was attracted to Dayton by the larger opportunities offered by this city, and since then has been in the enjoyment of a constantly increasing professional business. He has a general practice and maintains well-appointed offices at the corner of E. Third and Webster streets. Doctor Routzong is a member of the Miami Valley Dental society, the Ohio State Dental society and the American Dental association. He also holds membership in the Xi Psi Phi dental fraternity of the Ohio State university and Mystic Lodge of Masons, is a Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner, and likewise belongs to Gem City Lodge, I. O. O. F. and the Y. M. C. A. He was married in November, 1909, to Kathryn Marie, daughter of Frederick and Cecelia (Maddox) Ruder, of Columbus, Ohio, and they have had two children: Betty Jean, who is deceased, and Mary Jane. Doctor and

Mrs. Routzong are members of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church.

Louis R. Ruthenburg, general superintendent of the huge plant of the Delco corporation at Dayton, is still a young man in years, but is thoroughly matured in experience and is accounted one of the most efficient men in his line in the Middle West. He is a native of Louisville, Ky., born March 20, 1888, a son of Reuben Ruthenburg, and was still a child when taken to New Albany, Ind., in the public schools of which place he received his early education. Later he went to Purdue university, where he pursued a course in mechanical engineering. Leaving here in 1907, he became connected with the E. C. Walker company, manufacturers, of Louisville. For two years he was general manager of this concern, which was engaged in the manufacture of automobile parts, and then went to London, England, where for one year he was engaged in electrical engineering and metallurgical work in company with an uncle. Returning to this country, at Louisville, Ky., he became connected with the Electric Vehicle company, which was subsequently merged with the Kentucky Wagon company, and remained as superintendent and chief engineer until November, 1913. At that time he joined the Delco business as assistant chief engineer of the plant at Dayton, was later made chief inspector, then assistant superintendent, and in November, 1916, general superintendent, which position he still retains. Mr. Ruthenburg is a twentieth century product of efficiency and enterprise, and has the full confidence of his business associates, who have found him thoroughly grounded in all the principles pertaining to the enterprise with which he is identified. He is a member of Dayton Lodge of the Masonic order, and the Engineers and Dayton Country clubs, and also holds membership in the local Y. M. C. A. His religious connection is with the Presbyterian church of Louisville, Ky. Mr. Ruthenburg was married October 6, 1914, to Miss Katherine Bates Singleton, daughter of Seth Singleton, of St. Louis, Mo., and they are the parents of two children: Louis Colter and James Neal.

Vincent E. Sacksteder, secretary of the City Engineering company, of Dayton, is a well known, enterprising and progressive business man who, starting out in life for himself at an early age, has been dependent only upon his own resources, gaining all that he now possesses through his own energy and business ability. He is still a young man, but his experience has been broad and varied, extending over several fields of endeavor, in all of which he has comported himself honorably and capably. He is one of Dayton's native sons who have been called to other communities only to eventually return to the place of their nativity and there to find their greatest success. Mr. Sacksteder was born at Dayton June 13, 1882, a son of Nicholas Sacksteder. His father, a native of Alsace-Lorraine, France, was brought to the United States by his father, John P. Sacksteder, when he was a babe of eleven months, and passed his life at Dayton as a gardener, being now deceased. The parochial school of Emmanuel church provided the means whereby Vincent E. Sacksteder secured his education, and following the completion of his studies he received his introduction to business life as an

employee of the Dayton Paper Novelty company. He proved industrious and efficient, alert and receptive, and his fidelity to his duties brought him repeated promotion, while at the same time he was thoroughly mastering every detail of the business. After seven years with this concern he was given the chance to become a manager of labor, and went to Chattanooga, Tenn., as general manager of the Star Box and Printing company. His long training at Dayton had well fitted him for the discharge of the duties of this office, and for eight years he retained his position, his abilities assisting materially in the building up of that company's business to large proportions. At this time, in 1917, he was given the opportunity to enter the newly reorganized City Engineering company, and, accepting the offer, returned to Dayton and assumed the position of secretary of the concern, a position which he has since retained. The City Engineering company was originally established as the Dayton Machine works, in 1898, by Eichenhoffer & Son, who conducted a small plant on Canal street. In 1914 the business was purchased by the City Engineering company, and was conducted by that concern until about March 1, 1917, when it was purchased by Edward E. Burkhart, Milton Matthews, Charles W. Slagle and Charles B. Geiger. Subsequently it was incorporated for $25,000, with the following officials: Charles B. Geiger, president; Vincent E. Sacksteder, secretary, and E. E. Burkhart, treasurer. About sixty employees are regularly employed in the model plant located in the Beaver Power building, in producing punches, dies, jigs, fixtures and gauges, special machinery, etc., and during the war period the company was engaged 100 per cent in war production. The product of the company is well known throughout the United States, and particularly in the Middle West, where it finds a ready market, being recognized as reliable and of high quality. As a public-spirited citizen of his community, Mr. Sacksteder belongs to the Greater Dayton association, while his religious connection is with St. Mary's Catholic church and his fraternal affiliation with the Knights of Columbus. He was married June 11, 1908, to Miss Catherine Mahoney, daughter of John J. Mahoney, of Chattanooga, Tenn., and they are the parents of four children: Mary Catherine, Margaret Frances, Vincent E., jr., and Ida Helen.

Rev. John M. Sailer is one of the distinguished clergymen of the Roman Catholic church and pastor of St. Agnes Catholic church, Dayton. Father Sailer was born at Valley City, North Dakota, August 19, 1878, a son of Michael and Christina (Friess) Sailer. His early education was secured in the public schools of his native place, following which he began his theological career at St. Gregory's Preparatory seminary. This was supplemented by a course at St. Mary's seminary, he being ordained to the priesthood June 15, 1904. His first charge was as a professor of classics (Greek and Latin) at St. Gregory's Preparatory seminary, and he next officiated as pastor of a church at Greenfield, Highland county, Ohio. Following this Father Sailer was transferred to St. Sebastian church, Sebastian, Mercer county, Ohio, and later he had the charge at Holy Rosary church, St. Marys, Ohio. In January, 1915, Father Sailer founded St. Agnes Catholic church. Lacking an edifice, the

services were held for about six months in the Longfellow school, Dayton, but the people of the parish made a generous response to an appeal for funds for a church of their own, and April, 1915, ground was broken for the church and school, which were dedicated August 1, 1915, the latter two costing $15,000, the property $6,500, and the parish house $6,000, the last named being built in 1917. There are now 125 families in the parish and 114 pupils in the schools, in which the three instructors are Sisters of Notre Dame. Father Sailer has devoted his talent, energy and heart to the cause of the people of his parish and can look back with pride and gratification upon the good he has accomplished. He has established several societies, among them the Ladies' Altar society, the Holy Name society and the Young Ladies' Sodality, and club rooms have been installed and furnished in the church for the use of the young men of the parish. Father Sailer has shown himself to be an excellent organizer and executive, possessing the business ability necessary to the proper handling of the affairs of his parish. He has not only been his people's spiritual guide, but their business counsellor, close confidant and personal friend, and has been untiring in his work for their welfare. As a result he is greatly beloved by the people of his parish, and is also esteemed and respected by those of other denominations, who recognize his worth and sterling ability.

Shibly N. Sallume, M. D. A perusal of the list of successful professional men today in the larger communities leads the student to the belief that this is an era of specialization; that a large majority of those who have attained leadership in their several fields of endeavor have concentrated their energies in a certain line rather than endeavoring to master the various departments of their vocations. At any rate, this has been the policy of Dr. Shibly N. Sallume, a member of the Dayton medical profession, who has already won eminence in his avenue of activity as a specialist in the treatment and cure of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. Doctor Sallume was born in Damascus province, Palestine, November 28, 1879. His early training was an excellent one, for after he had attended the public schools of Damascus he went to the famous Beirut college in his native land, and also had the advantages to be obtained through attendance at the Syrian Protestant college, from which he was graduated in 1899, receiving the degree of B. A. Like many of his fellow-countrymen who intend to take up professional vocations, he commenced his career as a teacher, and for a short period was an instructor in languages and mathematics at Mount Lebanon, but in 1900 came to the United States. Upon his arrival he located at Toledo, Ohio, with a brother, Dr. N. N. Sallume, a physician, with whom he remained one year, in the meantime studying medicine. Next he took the scientific course at the University of Michigan, in two years, and then completed a four-year course in medicine at the same institution, graduating with the class of 1907, when he received his degree of M. D. He immediately entered upon the private practice of his profession at Salem, Ohio, and for four years cared for a large clientele as a general practitioner, and becoming more and more impressed with the conviction that specialization was the proper course, he, in 1911, gave up his exten-

sive practice and went to New York, where he took additional special work in the New York Post-Graduate college, the Manhattan Eye and Ear college, the New York Eye and Ear infirmary and the Ophthalmic-Aural institute. On his return he located at Dayton, where he has since been engaged in practice alone as a specialist in the eye, ear, nose and throat diseases, having offices in the Lindsey building. A thinker and constant student, he has continued to devote himself to research and study. His sympathetic nature has assisted him in his work, and has combined with his splendidly developed abilities to gain him the confidence and friendship of his patients. In professional circles he is accorded that respect and esteem that is granted only to those whose achievements are considered worthy, and he is a valued member of the Montgomery County Medical society, the Ohio State Medical society, the American Medical association and the Ohio Pharmaceutical society. His fraternal connection is with St. John's Lodge of the Masonic order, in addition to which he has a number of business, professional and social affiliations. Doctor Sallume was married April 10, 1913, to Leona T. Field, of Ann Arbor, Mich.

Harry E. Sarchet, D. D. S. The younger element of the dental profession at Dayton is capably represented by Harry E. Sarchet, D. D. S., who, while comparatively a newcomer to the ranks of his calling, has already made marked advancement and has attracted unto himself a very desirable clientele. He was born at Cambridge, Guernsey county, Ohio, June 29, 1897, a son of Melville Sarchet, and received his early education in the public schools of his native community. Later he completed a course at the Middletown High school, where he was admitted to the Sigma Xi fraternity, and his dental studies were prosecuted at the Ohio State university, from which he was graduated in 1918 with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. Going at that time to Akron, he became company dentist for the B. F. Goodrich company, but March 15, 1919, came to Dayton, where he established himself in private practice, with offices in the Medical building. He has a pleasant suite of rooms, well equipped with the latest instruments and appliances known to the profession, and his methods are fashioned along modern and progressive lines. Doctor Sarchet is a member of the Montgomery County Dental society and the National and State Dental society, as well as of the Xi Psi Phi fraternity of the Ohio State university. He is a Blue Lodge Mason and a member of the Senior Order United American Mechanics, and has a wide acquaintance in social circles where true worth and intelligence are received as the passports into good society.

J. Edward Sauer. Among the prominent men of Dayton, using the term in its broadest sense to indicate business acumen, sterling character, public beneficence and upright citizenship, is J. Edward Sauer, long associated with the city's banking interests and president of the American National bank. A resident of Dayton for nearly half a century and prominently identified with the interests of the city for several decades, he may be numbered among the builders of the city's prosperity, a man whose ripened judgment and sterling traits of character have benefitted every enterprise with which he

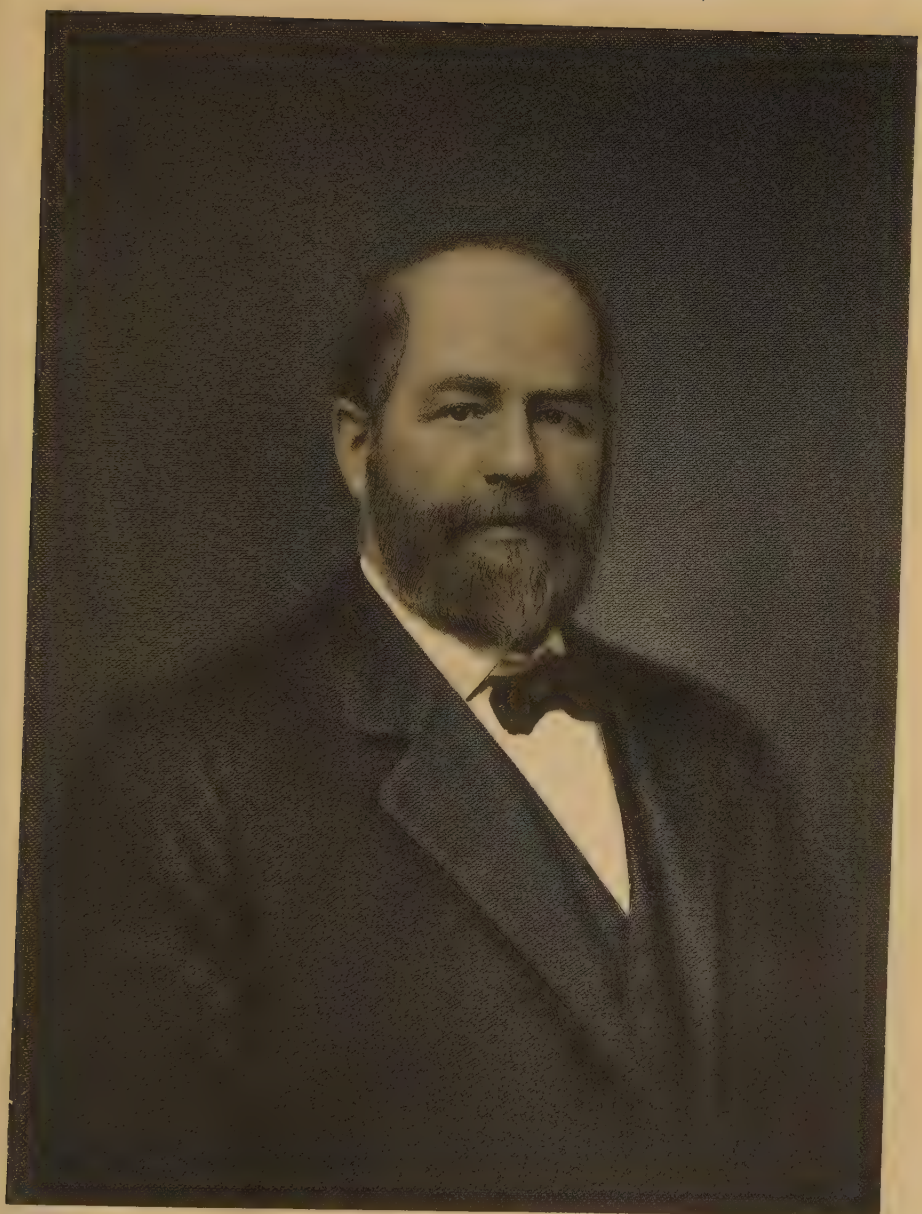
has been connected. Mr. Sauer was born at Dayton, July 23, 1870, a son of George A. Sauer, a native of Germany, who came to the United States during the early '50s and engaged in the baking business. He retired from active pursuits about ten years prior to his death, which occcured in February, 1913, his wife who had been Sophia Bundenthal, a native of Dayton, having passed away July 19, 1890. J. Edward Sauer was educated in the public schools of Dayton and entered upon his career as a bank messenger for the old Teutonia National bank, now the American National bank. He joined the forces of this institution the day its doors were thrown open to the public for business, and through splendid industry, strict integrity and marked loyalty was promoted from time to time until he reached the highest executive position. His first advancement was to the post of assistant bookkeeper and subsequently he advanced to bookkeeper, then to teller, later to vice-president, and finally to president, a position which he holds at this time. While banking has been his intimate and leading interest, he has been concerned officially and otherwise with additional honorable and prominent enterprises, being treasurer of the Buckeye Building and Loan association, secretary and treasurer of the Mead Engine company, resident director of the United States Fidelity and Guarantee company, of Baltimore, Md.; president of the Dayton-Dakota Land company, director of the Ohio State Life Insurance company, of Columbus, Ohio; vice-president of the Dairy Products company of Dayton, and president of the Dayton Clearing House association. He is ranked with the able business men of Dayton and additionally stands high as a citizen, one ever ready to do his full part in constructive work and social progress. He is public-spirited and liberal-minded, and at present is president of the board of appraisers of the Miami Conservancy District. Mr. Sauer is a prominent fraternalist, being a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, Knight Templar and Shriner, and a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and Dayton Gymnastic club. June 15, 1897, he married Matilda, daughter of Adam Schantz, of Dayton, and they are the parents of three children: Edward A., Edith S. and Florence M., all at home.

Eugene J. Schaefer. Since its establishment at Dayton, in 1878, the cigar manufacturing business of Joseph J. Schaefer has occupied a recognized position in its line among the business houses of the city, and two generations of one family have given to its development their best efforts and energies. The present manager of the business is Eugene J. Schaefer, one of the younger generation of business men of Dayton, and an alert, thoroughly informed and enterprising manufacturer whose standing is high in commercial circles. Mr. Schaefer was born at Dayton, March 8, 1887, a son of Joseph J. and Mary A. (Bueker) Schaefer. His father, born at Mudau, Baden, Germany, in 1856, came to the United States as a youth of seventeen years and located at once at Dayton, where he was identified with the Stomps & Burkhardt company, and later, in 1878, started the manufacture of cigars at No. 206 Warren street. Subsequently he moved the business to its present location, No. 117

S. Joe street, and continued in the active management of the business until his death, March 12, 1914. He was a good business man and a highly esteemed citizen, being a man of strict honor and integrity. He belonged to the Emmanuel Catholic church, of which Mrs. Schaefer, who survives him and resides at Dayton, is also a member. They were the parents of the following children: Alma, the wife of Walter E. Keller, of Dayton; Margaret, who resides with her widowed mother; Eugene J., of this review, and Charles J. and Joseph J., of Dayton. Eugene J. Schaefer was educated in the parochial school of Emmanuel Catholic church and at St. Mary's college, graduating from the latter with the class of 1905 and the degree of B. S. At that time he embarked in business in partnership with his father, whom he succeeded as manager at the elder man's death. He has continued to maintain the concern's reputation for high standards, and has succeeded in extending the territory of the business until it now covers the entire country. There are 200 people employed in the large, modern plant, and four salesmen are on the road, handling La Costa, El Tovar, Big Heads and Mentor cigars, all of which brands are very popular with the smoking public. The company, in its 15,000 square feet of floor space, manufactures for the jobber, and in its work uses imported Sumatra wrappers and Havana fillers. In addition to his interest in the cigar business, Mr. Schaefer has others, and is a director in the Dayton Savings and Trust company and in the Port Arthur Tractor company. He belongs to Emmanuel Catholic church, and in the Knights of Columbus has attained the third degree. He likewise holds membership in the Rotary club and the Dayton Bicycle club. October 19, 1910, Mr. Schaefer married Helen L., daughter of D. C. Larkin, of Dayton, and they have one child: Eugene J., jr.

Adam Schantz. When the late Adam Schantz was laid away in Calvary cemetery it was a matter of comment how many different shades of opinion were represented in the throng that attended his funeral. There were men whose religious convictions were as far from his as the poles are asunder, but they were there; men who voted on opposite sides politically and they were there; men who had sharp prejudices against his business, and they were there. All assembled to do his memory honor because of the immense respect they had for his personal character, his staunch integrity and the service he had rendered to the community in which he lived. Adam Schantz was one of the Germans whom America delights in because they bring to our nation some virtues which we could not very well do without. He was born in Mittel Kinzig, Hesse-Darmstadt, on September 7, 1839. There were five Schantz brothers and they all left Germany to escape the curse of militarism; the youngest was Adam, and they landed in New York in May, 1854, when he was fifteen years of age. His first venture in the business world was to enter the employ of his uncle, Michael Schantz, who operated a flour mill in Altoona, Pa., in which place he remained a year, then coming to Dayton to learn the trade of butcher, with the late Michael Olt, with whom he remained for two years.

For the next ten years the story of Adam Schantz's life is that of a rover. Even at the small wages that were paid in those years



ADAM SCHANTZ, SR.

Adam Schantz laid up money, little though it was, an instance of his thrifty nature and his self-denial. With the help of his savings he journeyed to Chicago and worked in the concern that has since become the great packing house of Swift & Company; then he tried St. Louis, still at the butchering trade; then back to Dayton again in the fall of 1858. But the young man was restless and not ready to settle down. Nor did he then appreciate, as he did in later years, what opportunities Dayton afforded to the wideawake, progressive and industrious. At the end of another year Adam Schantz made his way to New Orleans, where he accepted a position with a firm furnishing meat for outgoing ocean steamers. While at this occupation he had the opportunity to make the acquaintance of the captain of a boat going to England and he was given permission to work his passage across. On the way over young Adam fell overboard and barely escaped a watery grave. Had it not been for the successful use of grappling hooks this life story would never have been written. Landing in London his sole resource consisted of one piece of hard black bread which the Germans call "pumpernickel." From London he crossed to his fatherland and visited his parents and relatives. But glad as he was to renew the old associations the confines of an ancient German town could not long satisfy the active young man who had already traveled so far for one of his years and for that early time. Again he set his face towards America, going first to Frankfort, then to Hamburg, then to London, where he remained a year working at his trade. Having indulged his wanderlust to the full we find Adam Schantz, in the summer of 1862, back in Dayton once more, where he was destined to spend the next forty years of his active and useful life. His first independent business venture was a small meat shop on Brown street, and with the small amount of money which this enterprise netted him bought a property on the Covington pike known as the Six-mile house and afterwards as the Schantz homestead. On March 29, 1863, and while living in the country home he was united in marriage to Salome Latin, daughter of Valentine Latin. Twice his fortunes went up in smoke, for he suffered two disastrous fires, leaving him each time once more at the beginning of things financially. One of these disasters occurred in the country and another at the beef and pork packing plant, which after being rebuilt was later converted into a brewery, and was situated on River street, which property he had in exchange for the country estate. But Adam Schantz was not easily discouraged; friends rallied loyally to his aid each time and as the months passed he had the satisfaction of seeing his losses recuperated, his plant grow and his business increase. Together with his brother he conducted the Riverside brewery and in addition a beef and pork packing business, which also was successful to a high degree.

To Mr. Schantz's great credit be it noted that in a measure as he laid up a competence his civic loyalty increased. He had in regard to his wealth the sense of stewardship rather than owner. Dayton became to him a home of which he was so proud, a city of whose future he felt so sure that it was to him not a duty but a privilege to further. As chairman of the finance committee of the city

council, to which he was elected on an independent ticket, he strongly advocated the acquirement by the city of acreages for public parks and playgrounds. But in 1877 this was a new, and it seemed, an unwelcome gospel. His colleagues saw no reason for parks and so his arguments fell on deaf ears. It is good to chronicle that he lived long enough to see this idea come to fruition in other hands than his. His farsightedness in the matter of real estate was noteworthy, seeming to sense at first hand the direction in which the city would grow and the particular localities which would eventually become valuable. In the year 1880 he acquired a large tract of land south of the city, now a part of Oakwood, then mere pasture lots. He called his sons John and Adam to him and said: "Today I have become owner of a tract of land. While I will not live to see it developed I charge you with the responsibility of seeing to it that my property will one day become one of the best and most substantial residence sections of the city; and this may take fifty years." It has been considerably less than fifty years since Mr. Schantz made this stipulation to his sons, but the prophecy has already been materialized and the "Schantz addition" is now one of the places to which strangers are taken to see the growth of Dayton from town to city. Mr. Schantz was a lover of the great outdoors and of horses, with all that both enthusiasms entail. On a part of his acreage south of the city he erected a training stable, six hundred feet long and one hundred feet wide, where he housed as many as a hundred head of blooded stock at a time. A regulation half-mile track was located in the field and the breeding of trotting and pacing strains of horses was carried on on a large scale. Perhaps the most noted equine example of his breeding and raising was "Lake Erie," who obtained the champion trotting record in all England. His record in this country was 2:13¼.

Mr. Schantz's most notable characteristic was generosity. He contributed most largely to public benefits and no good cause ever was overlooked by him. His public spirit was attested by his act in 1893 when financial conditions were shaky and unemployment was making bitterness and discontent. The poor funds available by the city were exhausted and much suffering resulted. When this was made known to Mr. Schantz he immediately placed at the city's disposal his personal credit for $10,000. The result was seen in twenty-four hours when two thousand three hundred men had enrolled as needing employment. This timely action pulled a good many families out of a hole and gave help where it was most needed. Politically Mr. Schantz had leanings toward Democratic principles, but he was ever more of a patriot than a partisan. In 1896 when the gold plank was inserted in the Democratic platform he became independent in his views. In 1901 Mr. Schantz was attracted to Florida, seeking relief from the severe and uncertain climate of Ohio. He located at Daytona, Fla., where he spent many winters and made hosts of friends. True to his business instincts he saw an opening for the same activity in Florida that he had followed in Dayton, and in due time found himself the owner and operator of an ice, water and electric plant, which is still being carried on and has added much to the popularity of the town. He was a man of rare judg-

ment and his advice was sought by the leading business men and manufacturers in both the cities of his adoption.

George Schantz, now deceased, was one of the very prominent men of Dayton whose confidence in the city led him to invest not only in a number of its enterprises, but also to buy extensively of the city real estate. He was born at Kinzig, Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, April 8, 1851, a son of Ferdinand Schantz. Until he was seventeen years old George Schantz attended the public schools of his native land, and then he accompanied his brother to the United States, and located permanently at Dayton, where in time he became interested in brewing, and maintained his connections with this branch of industry until his death, at which time he was vice-president of the Dayton Brewing company. He was also a director of the First Savings and Banking company, the Dayton Iron and Steel company and the Dayton Street Railway company, and was a very heavy holder of valuable real estate. For many years he was an active member of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce. The German Lutheran church of Dayton held his membership, and recognized him as one of its pillars. In the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias fraternities he found congenial connections, and gave both lodges loyal support. September 22, 1886, George Schantz was united in marriage with Miss Emma Knecht, a daughter of Christian and Mary (Geiser) Knecht, of Dayton, Ohio. She died April 27, 1890, having borne her husband the following children: Harriet, who is at home; George, who is mentioned below, and Emma, who is the wife of Frank Maharg, of Dayton. December 10, 1891, George Schantz was married (second) to Miss Tilla Rehfus, of Greenville, Ohio. There were no children born of this marriage. George Schantz, son of George Schantz whose name heads this review, attended the public schools of Dayton, and then took up the study of law at the Ohio State university, from which he was graduated in 1909, and was admitted to the bar in June, 1909. Since his father's death, however, Mr. Schantz's attention is fully occupied in looking after the estate holdings, as he is a trustee of the estate. He is a director of the First Savings and Banking company and the Dayton Breweries company, and is president of the Schantz & Schwind Brewing company and of the Dayton Iron & Steel company. The Grafton Avenue Reformed church of Dayton holds his membership. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias Lodge, the college fraternity Delta Chi, and is a valued member of the Chamber of Commerce. November 25, 1909, George Schantz was married to Christina Diebenbach, a daughter of George Diebenbach, of Dayton. Mrs. Schantz was born at Dayton, where she was reared and educated, she attending the public schools here and the Notre Dame academy, of Dayton. Mr. and Mrs. Schantz have three children, namely: George, jr., Robert and Richard, all of whom are at home.

William E. Schantz. The attainment of success in life along any avenue of endeavor demands honesty, energy, proper preparation, conscientiousness and self-reliance. Genius may also be present, but for permanency practical qualities and the homely virtues are necessary. To the undoubted possession of these may be, at least in part, attributed the success in life which has come to Wil-

liam E. Schantz, who had risen through individual effort to the superintendency of all the plants amalgamated with the Dayton breweries. Mr. Schantz is still another example of the aggressive and progressive spirit which has animated the sons of Dayton and brought them to the forefront and recognition in their varied activities. He was born in the Gem city, June 22, 1877, being a son of Adam Schantz, who in his time was one of the dominant figures in the business world of Dominant Dayton and connected with many of its most important interests. After attending the public schools and the Brothers' school William E. Schantz began his business training under the watchful eye of his father, from whom he undoubtedly inherited much of his business acumen and personal ability, and for a time was called upon to work laboriously in mastering the working of the various departments of the elder man's business, the Schantz breweries. Subsequently he displayed abilities that warranted confidence being placed in him and he was put in charge of the ice plants of the various Schantz enterprises, and when the amalgamation of the Dayton breweries was formed he was made assistant superintendent of all the establishments. Eventually he was advanced to the post of superintendent. Mr. Schantz, like others of the name at Dayton, is widely known in business circles, where he bears an excellent reputation as a man of integrity, sound judgment and fidelity to engagements. He and the members of his family belong to the Second Reformed church, and he is identified fraternally with the Knights of Pythias, in which order he has numerous friends both at Dayton and elsewhere. Mr. Schantz was married March 9, 1904, to Miss Elizabeth Thalmann, daughter of George Thalmann, sr., of Dayton, and to this union there have been born two children, William Theodore and Marian Elizabeth, both residing with their parents and attending school. Mrs. Schantz was born at Zurich, Switzerland, and came to the United States with her parents when two and one-half years of age, her home being in Nashville, Tenn., until her marriage to Mr. Schantz.

Harry I. Schenck. The development of Dayton during the past several years, its growth and added importance and prestige, has necessitated the gathering together here of men capable of contributing the ability connected with architectural accomplishment. When any community begins to develop in size and to extend its scope it also broadens its outlook, and it invariably happens that architectural beauty in the design of its structures is one of the matters that comes first before the attention of the promoters of the city's welfare. The city of Dayton has been singularly fortunate in having among its architects here men of originality and capacity for large labors who have contributed in no small degree to the progress which is rapidly making Dayton one of the wonder cities of this part of the country. Among these men, one who holds a high place in his profession is Harry I. Schenck, of the firm of Schenck & Williams, accredited with a long list of splendid accomplishments. Mr. Schenck claims Dayton as his home and practically his entire career has been passed here, so that it may be that some of the credit for his good work may be given to the fact that he is building

with the eye of a proprietor. He was born at Dayton, November 13, 1880, a son of Aaron Schenck, and after attending the public schools went to Cornell university, where he took a course in architectural engineering and graduated with the class of 1903. Returning to Dayton, his first work was with Frank Andrews, of this city, but after a short period he resigned his position and became one of the founders of the firm of Schenck & Williams, his partner being Harry J. Williams. This concern has rapidly advanced to a position of prominence among Dayton architects, and some of their more prominent work will give an illustration of the class of their achievements: the Third Street Baptist church, Wayne avenue fire engine house, additions to Ludlow street arcade, Evangelical Association church, Dayton View Baptist church, E. C. Harley building, Dayton Lumber company's new building, Beaver Power building, First Street Christian church, Dayton Biscuit company's plant, Delco factories, Buckeye Iron foundry, Schwind building, Young Woman's Christian Association building, Rike-Kumler building, Dayton Gas company office, Union Storage Warehouse building, First Baptist church, George Shaw building, Jefferson school, Colorado Avenue Baptist church, Conservancy building, Engineering club, Dayton theatre, Dayton Savings and Trust company, Lindsey building and Mutual Home building. In addition they have designed and superintended the erection of numerous other structures of less importance, including many residences, and their work in general has attracted favorable mention in the profession and given them a pronounced position of substantiality among the leaders in a city that does not lack for architects of power and ability. They maintain offices in the Mutual Home building. Mr. Schenck is largely devoted to his vocation, but finds time to assist in public-spirited movements, and also to enjoy the companionship of his fellows, being a member of several leading Dayton clubs and fraternities.

Pierce Davies Schenck. During the eight years of its existence the Duriron Castings company has made notable advancement toward the front rank of Dayton's manufacturing industries, and at the present time is one of the largest and most important concerns of its kind in the middle west. Much of the credit for the phenomenal success of this concern must be given to its founder and president, Pierce Davies Schenck, whose career, like that of his firm, has been one characterized by steady and consistent progress. Mr. Schenck is a Daytonian by nativity, and was born April 20, 1878, a son of Robert C. Schenck. His education was obtained in the public schools and at Yale university, from which famous institution of learning he was graduated with the class of 1900. For some time thereafter he was identified with street railway work, first with the city railway and next with the people's railway, but after three years of such identification became secretary of the Dayton Malleable Iron company. When he left that concern, in 1912, it was to become organizer and president of the Duriron Castings company, of which he has since been the directing head. The other officers of this company are: J. P. Pitman, vice-president; W. E. Hall, treasurer, and J. Dart, jr., secretary, and the company is capitalized for $300,000. The plant is located at the corner of Bayard and South Ludlow

streets, where approximately 200,000 feet of floor space is used. At its inception the company was a modest venture, employing only fifteen people, but as the merits of its product became recognized patronage grew astonishingly, necessitating the erection of constant additions to the plant and the purchase of added machinery, and the employing of 900 workers in the Duriron plant. Chicago and New York offices have been established, and the product of the company, consisting principally of acid proof apparatus, has found its way to every point in the United States, as well as into foreign countries. In addition the company manufactures all kinds of systems for chemical processes, standard line pumps, fans, valves, cocks, pipe and fixtures, as well as special castings from special patterns for customers, and all of these are acid proof, rust proof and alkali proof. During the period of the war the plant was operating 100 per cent on war contracts. In the development of this company from its small beginnings to its present importance, Mr. Schenck has shown himself a man of far more than the ordinary business ability, for he has not only attracted a large and steadily growing patronage, but has made the name of the Duriron products synonymous with reliability, durability and strength. While establishing a name for his concern, he has also built up and strengthened his own reputation as a man of scrupulous integrity. He belongs to the Buz Fuz club and to several civic organizations. Mr. Schenck was married August 16, 1904, to Caroline Lowe Stoddard, daughter of E. Fowler and Elizabeth (Lowe) Stoddard, of Dayton, and they are the parents of two children: Robert C. and Pierce Davies, jr.

Rev. J. Henry Schengber. Emerson, the great American writer, has said that "society is a troop of thinkers, and the best heads among them take the best places," an epigram peculiarly applicable to the reverend gentleman whose name is here recorded. Father Schengber has been pastor of Holy Trinity Catholic church, of Dayton, since 1911, and during this period has not only strengthened and solidified the finances of his parish, accomplished a great amount of good by his precept and teachings and made himself beloved by his people, but has also won and retained the respect of the people of Dayton of all creeds, and established himself as one of the clearest and most logical thinkers of his community. From early youth he has been a student and a scholar. After receiving his preliminary educational training, he attended the college and university at Osnabrueck, Hanover, Germany, and then came to the United States and completed his theological studies at St. Mary's seminary of the West, located at Cincinnati, being ordained February 12, 1893, by Archbishop Henry Elder, of Cincinnati. His first charge was as assistant at St. Gregory's seminary, where for eight years he labored faithfully as professor of Latin and Greek, and he was then made pastor of St. Aloysius church, Cincinnati, where he continued nine years. In January, 1911, he came to Holy Trinity church, Dayton, where he has since continued. Holy Trinity Catholic church was established in 1861, and the church edifice is the oldest in the city, the dedicatory exercises having been held August 15 of that year. The first pastor was Rev. Joseph F. Goetz, who remained as spiritual leader of the parish until 1899, when he was succeeded by Rev.

Charles H. Hahne, the latter remaining until the advent of Father Schengber. There are at this time 600 families, or 2,400 souls, in the parish. In 1914 a new parochial school was erected at a cost of $85,000, same being dedicated by the archbishop of the diocese in August of that year, and there are now 567 pupils in attendance, under twelve instructors. In the year mentioned there was also built a brothers' residence, at a cost of about $8,000. Father Schengber is an indefatigable worker, and the personal interests of his people have as important a part in his daily routine of labor as have those of the church. He is at once spiritual guide, counsel and friend, and the people of his parish have come to place the utmost confidence in him, continually looking to him for leadership and for advice in the perplexities and worries of everyday life. Thus he is able to exert a powerful influence for good, and in his daily work is continually contributing to the welfare of Dayton through the channels of better morals and better citizenship.

William E. Schieble. Real success and true distinction in life, whether in politics, in business or in the professions, comes of maintenance of high standards of living, duties faithfully performed and trusts conscientiously discharged. In the long list of prominent business citizens of Dayton who have measured up to these qualities, one who has met all requirements is William E. Schieble, president of the Schieble Toy and Novelty company, and a citizen of recognized worth and standing. Mr. Schieble was born at Dayton, Ohio, October 19, 1864, a son of Benjamin and Rebecca (Ruff) Schieble, the former born in Germany and the latter a native of Pennsylvania. About the year 1848, when a young man, Benjamin Schieble emigrated to the United States and first located at New York City, but after a short stay became one of the early residents and pioneer business men of the city. Here he founded the Schieble hotel, which he conducted with success until 1878, making it one of the popular caravanseries of this locality and himself a popular host; in the year 1881 he went to Miamisburg and founded the Miami hotel, of which he was the proprietor for about eight years. In the evening of life he retired from active pursuits, and he and Mrs. Schieble resided in comfort at their Miamisburg home, where both passed away. William E. Schieble was educated in the public schools of Dayton, after leaving which he was associated in the hotel business at Miamisburg as his father's assistant until 1885. In that year he embarked in the grocery business, in which he remained until 1889, subsequently securing a position with the Miamisburg Binders Twine and Cordage company, of which he became an official. In 1904 he received his introduction to the toy business with D. P. Clark & Company, and was interested therein until 1909. In that year he started the present business, of which he has since been the directing head. This business was incorporated for $50,000 in February, 1909, by William E. Schieble, president; H. S. Heiner, vice-president; H. W. Schieble, secretary and B. B. Schieble, treasurer. The initial plant, erected for the purpose of manufacturing all kinds of friction toys, was located on Hawthorne street, but this was found inadequate for the demands of the rapidly growing business, and in 1910 a change in location was made to the present ad-

dress, No. 15 Ice avenue, where there is a modern plant with 40,000 square feet of floor space available, and in which 100 people are given employment. At the time of its incorporation the company succeeded D. P. Clark & Company in business, and the present officials, elected in 1912, are: William E. Schieble, president and general manager; H. S. Heiner, vice-president; S. U. Schieble, secretary, and B. B. Schieble, treasurer. Mr. Schieble is a member of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce and has numerous business and civic connections. He was married in July, 1885, to Bertha M., daughter of Samuel and Anna Umbenhauer, of Miamisburg, Ohio, and from this union there have been born three children: Harry W., Samuel U. and Anna M.

J. H. Schierloh. The connection of J. H. Schierloh with the business interests and enterprises of Dayton has extended over a period of several years, during which time he has succeeded in impressing his personality upon the business community and in gaining for himself a due measure of importance as to personal position. At this time he is secretary and treasurer of the Insurance Credit System company, a concern with which he has been identified in various capacities since coming to Dayton. Mr. Schierloh was born at Reading, Ohio, April 10, 1884, a member of a respected family of that community. After attending the public schools, he was given instruction under a private tutor, and when he laid aside his school books it was to take his place among the world's workers and to become a self-supporting citizen. His first employment was in the carriage factory of The Highland Buggy company, of Elmwood Place, O., where he gave evidence of possessing the abilities that have since earned him success. His fidelity, industry and general capacity advanced him from his first humble position to that of stock keeper, his next step being to the post of purchasing agent, and then he was made floor sales manager. Later he was advanced to manager of the plant, but when he had advanced thus far resigned his position to accept that of auditor with the firm of Rettig & Brinkman, also a Reading concern. For a short time, also, Mr. Schierloh was the proprietor of a retail business at Wyoming, Ohio, but eventually disposed of his interests therein and entered the employ of the Ingle Systems company, at Dayton, as a traveling salesman. When he was recalled from the road, he was placed in charge of the books and office force, at Dayton, and later was made secretary of the concern, to the duties of which he has since added those of the office of treasurer. This business was established in June, 1909, when it was incorporated for $75,000, with D. E. Ingle, president; George Gerdes, vice-president; and E. H. Ingle, secretary and treasurer. The business was located on East Fifth street, and its products consisted of a system to handle credit accounts for retailers. In 1911 there was a reorganization of the company, J. A. Kidwell becoming president; E. H. Ingle, secretary; and Joseph Brinkman, treasurer. The capital stock was advanced to $150,000 at that time, and the concern took over its new quarters in the Columbia Insurance building, at the corner of Jefferson and Second streets. In 1915 there was another reorganization, E. H. Ingle becoming president; J. W. Blakeney, vice-

president; J. H. Schierloh, secretary; and James Brookman, treasurer. In November, 1918, the business style was changed to the Insurance Credit System company, and the following officers were elected: William Pflum, president; E. H. Ingle, vice-president; and J. H. Schierloh, secretary and treasurer, and the company employs thirty people. Mr. Schierloh has accomplished much because he has never neglected small things or stooped to petty ones; and because he has sought to be honest first and successful afterwards. To him there has been no royal road to fortune, for he has traveled the hard self-made road. Mr. Schierloh is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, and a member of the K. P., the R. A. and the Triangle club. June 9, 1909, he married Miss Minnie Rall, daughter of William Allen Rall, of Allendale, Ill. Two children have been born to this union: Thomas Norman and Richard Rall.

George H. Schmidt. It is one of the most encouraging facts which can anywhere exist that, in this country, a large proportion of those individuals who, by their public service, have attained a greater or less degree of prominence, or, mayhap, in their business or professional acquirements and talents, have risen by their own exertions. In the career of George H. Schmidt, treasurer of Montgomery county, there is found an illustration of the fact that there awaits opportunity for those youths who, without fortune or influential friends, are struggling for a foothold on the ladder of success. Mr. Schmidt belongs to one of the old families of Dayton, and was born in this city, October 27, 1872, his parents being Adam and Ann Elizabeth (Haupt) Schmidt, who came from their native Germany as early as 1848, and took up their residence in the Gem city. Here both rounded out worthy and honorable lives and passed away, Adam Schmidt having been a skilled and industrious workman at the trade of blacksmith. After attending the public schools, George H. Schmidt further prepared himself at Wilt's college, from which institution he was graduated, and when he entered upon his career his fancy was attracted by the tailoring business, a trade which he mastered and at which he worked for several years. Subsequently, however, he turned his attention to other lines and gradually drifted into the coal business, being identified therewith for fifteen years. From young manhood Mr. Schmidt had been interested in public affairs and had taken a more or less active part in politics. In 1912 he was given his first county office when he was chosen as deputy county treasurer, and during the four years that he occupied that position his work attracted such favorable attention that at the elections of 1916 he was the logical candidate of his party and was elected county treasurer of Montgomery by a gratifying majority. He has since demonstrated that the citizens made no mistake in their choice, for the county finances have been handled in a way that has been beneficial to the tax-payers and the business of his office has been taken care of in an expeditious and capable manner. Mr. Schmidt has always been a constructive and progressive worker in civic affairs, and at present is doing excellent work in elevating the standard of the public schools as a member of the board of education from the tenth ward and served as presi-

dent of board during 1917-18. He and his family belong to the Second German Reformed church of Dayton, and he is widely and favorably known in fraternal circles, being a member of the K. P., the I. O. O. F., the B. P. O. E. and the Order of Moose and a thirty-second degree Mason. He also belongs to several civic bodies and has been a consistent and energetic booster for everything that has promised to benefit his city and its people. Mr. Schmidt was married July 25, 1912, to Miss Anna C. Schmidt, daughter of Philip H. and Anna C. Schmidt. While her family, like that of her husband, settled early at Dayton and bears the same name, there was no relationship between the two branches.

Alfred William Schneble. It is claimed by many that this is the age of the young man, that opportunities were never greater for those who were but comparatively entering upon their careers, and that seldom before have there been found times when young men were occupying so many positions of importance as they are today, in spite of the fact that the disturbed conditions of the past several years would have seemed to make just the opposite prevail. However, that may be, Dayton has its full quota of young men who are discharging the duties and assuming the responsibilities of positions which in former years would have been assigned only to men many years their seniors. In this call is found Alfred William Schneble, secretary and treasurer of The Advance foundry, now in his late twenties. Mr. Schneble was born at Dayton, November 2, 1891, a son of Henry C. and Catherine (Kramer) Schneble. He is a member of one of Dayton's old families, and his father was born in this city, where for many years he was engaged as a plumber and construction superintendent, but is now making his home at Lima. After attending the parochial schools and St. Mary's college, Alfred W. Schneble entered the employ of The Advance Foundry company, in the capacity of bookkeeper. He discharged his duties faithfully and well, and at the annual elections in 1914 he was chosen for the office of secretary, one which he has retained to the present time. Progressive, aggressive, enthusiastic and energetic, and with a thorough knowledge of the business, he has contributed in no small degree to the success of his concern, and his associates have the utmost confidence in him. He is one of Dayton's young business men who have already "made good" and his progress and advancement are being watched with interest by a host of friends. Mr. Schneble is a member of Corpus Christi Catholic church, and belongs also to the Knights of Columbus. He was married May 25, 1915, to Miss Beatrice Brechtel, daughter of Charles J. and Theresa (Zindel) Brechtel, of Dayton, and they are the parents of one son: Alfred William, jr.

Frank J. Schneider, Jr. Almost without exception the men of Dayton who have attained to more than ordinary success are those who have concentrated every energy and directed it toward the consummation of carefully laid plans along certain definite lines. In few cases do they diverge from the channel in which they once start. Ahead of them they see their objective, and unerringly and undeviatingly they shape their course toward it. The entire busi-

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ness career of Frank J. Schneider, jr., has been passed along lines similar with the business with which he is connected. Others may be possessed of versatile talents which have allowed them to enter several different fields of endeavor, but he has been content to seek success in his own line of activity, and that he has found it is evidenced by the fact that he is today president of the Buckeye Boiler company, one of Dayton's successful and prosperous business houses. Mr. Schneider is a native of Springfield, Ohio, and was born October 10, 1878, his parents also being natives of this state. He was brought by them when four years of age to Dayton, where he was given the educational training connected with the curriculum of the public schools, and immediately upon the completion of his studies he entered upon a career that, through energy, inherent ability and sound judgment at critical times, has brought him to success and standing. His first employment was with the Buckeye Iron & Brass Works, and an intimation of Mr. Schneider's character, of his perseverance, steadiness and loyalty, may be gained from the fact that he remained with this one concern for but one year less than a quarter of a century. But not in one position. His worth and reliability were early recognized by his employers, who advanced him from position to position and would have been pleased to retain his services indefinitely. In 1916, however, Mr. Schneider saw the opportunity that he had long sought, and he resigned his position with the firm by which he had been so long employed to take the presidency of the Buckeye Boiler company. This concern, which was originally known as the Buckeye Boiler & Furnace company, had been established in 1892 by Joseph C. Beckley, president; and George E. Lane, secretary and treasurer, and it was incorporated for $10,000. In 1905 a reorganization was effected, when F. J. Schneider, jr., became secretary, and G. E. Goldshott, vice-president. Thus the officers continued until 1916, when the business was incorporated for $25,000, with Frank J. Schneider, jr., president; J. F. Oehschlager, vice-president; and William F. Oehschlager, secretary and treasurer. The plant is situated at 1617 East McLain street, where thirty-five people are employed in the manufacture of water tanks and boiler plate. The product of this concern is widely known as strictly reliable and of a high class of workmanship and durability, and supplies a greatly needed demand. The reputation of the business is of the highest, and this reputation is shared by Mr. Schneider, who has always carried on his operations along honorable and straightforward lines.

Henry G. Schneider. One of Dayton's young business men of large affairs, displaying a marked aptitude for successful management combined with keen sagacity in investment and marked executive ability in the control of important interests, Henry G. Schneider is becoming well known as one of Dayton's rising and progressive members of the younger generation of business citizens, in the capacity of secretary of the Dayton Biscuit company. Mr. Schneider was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, July 26, 1893, a son of Henry and Caroline (Burkhardt) Schneider. His parents were natives of Germany who emigrated to the United States as a young married couple and for a time resided at Cincinnati, but subse-

quently took up their residence at Dayton, where Henry Schneider was for some years engaged in business as a merchant. The public schools of Dayton furnished Henry G. Schneider with his educational training, following which he entered the employ of the Dayton Biscuit company. His industry, a display of sound ability and good judgment, and his marked loyalty to the interests of his concern proved factors in his advancement, and in 1917 he assumed the position of secretary. This business was founded in 1902 and has enjoyed a decidedly successful career, being now included among the successful houses in its field of activity. Mr. Schneider is a member of the Mystic Lodge, and belongs to the Masonic fraternity, being a Scottish Rite Mason. He is also a member of the Dayton Turners and is popular in business and social circles. He was married February 20, 1918, to Doldie, daughter of Ernest and Katherine (Davis) Dungan, of Dayton.

Jacob F. Schneider. The personal standing of the business men of a large city may in many cases be gauged by the reputation and character of its prominent business establishments whose development has been brought about by aggressive and intelligent labors in commerce and trade or retarded by lack of proper progressiveness. No community can hope to attain its highest standard of development without the co-operation of its citizens in all lines in giving an honest service for value received, for such individuals may be depended upon to promulgate and support worthy movements tending toward the securing of solid improvements. These men, also, are to be found actively engaged in church labors, they give a solidity to commercial organization, and when the need arises contribute liberally toward charity. In the class referred to, at Dayton, is found Jacob F. Schneider, vice-president of The J. K. McIntire company, a concern with which he has been identified for a period of thirty-eight years. Mr. Schneider was born in Preble county, O., February 20, 1858, a son of John and Mary (Schlotterback) Schneider. His father, who was a hotel keeper in Preble county for many years, passed away there after a successful career, while his mother's home is still in that locality. Jacob F. Schneider attended the public schools of Preble county, and prepared for a business career by a course at Wilt's Commercial school, at Dayton. For several years following his graduation he was variously employed, but in 1880 formed a connection with the wholesale grocery house of J. K. McIntire company, with which he has since been identified. He began his association with this enterprise in a minor position, but soon attracted the attention of his employers through his faithfulness to their interests, his real ability and his constant industry, and soon began to receive promotion. From that time forward his rise was steady and consistent until, in 1916, he was made vice-president of the concern, his present position. The John K. McIntire company was founded in 1854, as Kneisley & McIntire, the original establishment being on Third street, and the first association continued intact until 1877, when the senior member of the firm retired and John K. McIntire established himself at new headquarters, 125 E. Third street, as The J. K McIntire company, a concern of which he was the directing head

until his death, June 28, 1908. January 1, 1909, the business was incorporated with a capital of $175,000, by Edward M. and John S. McIntire, the former of whom continued as vice-president until his death, July 26, 1916. John S. McIntire continues as president of the company; Mr. Schneider succeeded Edward M. McIntire in the vice-presidency; and Earl A. Marshall is secretary. During the long period in which Mr. Schneider has been connected with this wholesale grocery house, he has done much to contribute to its success. Possessed of a broad mind, a keen business sense, and a realization of the possibilities of his business and the trade, the influence of his counsel and advice has been marked and his associates have learned to place faith in his judgment. For several years Mr. Schneider has been secretary of St. John's English Lutheran church. As a fraternalist he belongs to Mystic Lodge of Masonry, while he also holds membership in the Dayton club and the Greater Dayton association. He was married September 14, 1881, to Miss Ida Josephine Busby, daughter of Rev. George W. Busby, of Lewisburg, O., and to this union there was born one child: Stella, who is the wife of R. M. Webster, of Dayton.

Frederick W. Schoen. The city of Dayton is the home of numerous splendid business institutions connected with matters pertaining to building and kindred interests, and of these one of the most substantial and greatly trusted is the Fidelity Building association, which has been known to the people of Dayton for forty-six years and which has enjoyed a steady and continuous growth. One of the men who has contributed in large measure to the success of this concern is the secretary, Frederick W. Schoen, a business man of long standing and high reputation, the greater part of whose career has been identified with the company of which he is now an official. Mr. Schoen is a native son of Dayton, his father being Christian Schoen. The public schools furnished him with his literary education, and following his graduation therefrom he took a course of three years in the Miami Business college, thus preparing himself for a commercial career. Before taking up business, however, he was for three years employed as a deputy in the office of the treasurer of Montgomery county, and this service was followed by his accepting a position with the Germania Building association, now the Fidelity Building association. He has had no reason to sever his connection therewith, and in his secretarial capacity has established himself beyond a doubt as an energetic, forceful and capable man of business. Mr. Schoen is a member of Iola Lodge, K. P. He has always extended his services freely in behalf of civic movements, and at this time is one of the energetic workers of the Greater Dayton association. The Germania Building association, now the Fidelity Building association, was organized March 27, 1873, its founders being John Schoen, president; Peter Aman, vice-president; Peter Lenz, treasurer; L. H. Poock, secretary; J. L. H. Frank, attorney; and Fred Poock, C. G. Sputh, G. Eberhardt, Philip Lenz, Carl Tredlin, Philip Walz, Carl Pauli, Louis Rost, William C. Smith and John Roder, as directors. Later the association was reincorporated for $1,000,000.00. The officers at present are: William H. Kuhlman, president; Charles H. Meyer,

vice-president and general manager; Frederick W. Schoen, secretary; Robert Albers, assistant secretary; Karl Karstaedt, treasurer; Roy G. Fitzgerald, attorney; and William H. Kuhlman, Karl Karstaedt, Edward T. Hall, Carroll Sprigg, John C. Cohn, Oscar M. Poock and Charles H. Meyer, as directors. The original offices were located at Eagle and McLean streets and later removed to 527 E. Richard street and in 1889 the offices were again removed to 430 E. Fifth street, in which locality it operated its office nearly thirty years, but it was finally realized by the management that these quarters were entirely inadequate for the volume of business transacted by the association, and acquired what was familiarly known as the "Old Post Office" site at Fifth street, corner of Main, where a modern office building of eleven story height was erected. The association from the time of its inception has shown a steady and consistent gain each year. Its resources now exceed $7,750,000.00, and the association is enjoying the confidence of nearly 20,000 patrons with an authorized capital of $15,000,000.00.

William Joseph Schubert. The energetic dealer in realty illustrates by his operations and experiences the ups and downs of life, its fascinating promises of reward, as well as its equally abundant opportunities for failure. His extended relations with varied interests bring him into close touch with conditions which are indicative of the community's prosperity or weakness, and in a city so full of men eager to reach still higher planes of success as is Dayton, he is called upon to exercise the greatest caution and to display the keenest of judgment that his operations do not overstep the bounds of conservatism and bring disaster both to his own interests and those of his clients. Among the realty dealers of Dayton, one who has shared in the prosperity which has attached to recent development and progress is William Joseph Schubert, of the firm of Schubert & McNary, a man well versed in land and property values and the medium through which numerous transactions of an important character have reached a successful consummation. Mr. Schubert was born at Wapakoneta, Auglaize county, O., March 14, 1866, a son of Nicholas Schubert. As a youth he attended the public schools of his native place, and his first experience in the business world was secured there in the capacity of a clothing salesman. He came to Dayton in December, 1907, with some small capital, and after looking over the field, decided that the time was ripe for ventures in the real estate field. Accordingly, in October, 1908, in partnership with Joseph M. Lessner, he founded the W. J. Schubert Realty company, with an office in the Lewis block. After four years the headquarters of the firm were transferred to the present location, in the Reibold building, and in the following year Mr. Lessner withdrew from the firm. Mr. Schubert continued alone until January 1, 1917, when Mr. H. J. McNary was admitted as a partner, the firm then becoming Schubert & McNary. This concern handles farm and city property on a large scale, and is extensively interested in platting lands, one of its accomplishments having been the platting of an addition to the Park Hill plot. Another large venture handled by this firm, is the Rose-

mont plot, consisting of 460 lots, which is being improved and placed on the market for the consideration of the public. Mr. Schubert has become one of the best known men and a leader in his line at Dayton. Like other men who are progressive in their views, he believes that the real estate man must temper his vision with judgment and that he must be able to advise his clients wisely. He believes that expert judgment is cultivated by the successful real estate man and is an asset which he is able to convert into increased business. It has been his policy to make the relation between himself and his clients one of confidence, and this requires the exercise of strict integrity on his part. Probably much of Mr. Schubert's success is due to this confidence. He is a director in the computing compliance department of the city, and his judgment of land and property values is considered authoritative. Mr. Schubert has few connections aside from those connected with his business, but belongs to Saint Mary's Lodge, No. 219, K. P. He married Miss Catherine Vosler, of Wapakoneta, O., and they are the parents of one son: Vernon E., at home.

Abraham Wilbur Schulman. While the great majority of men achieve success and work out their prosperity in an ordinary way in certain professions, there are others who seem to have been born to them, their natural leanings and marked talents pointing unmistakably to the career in which they subsequently reach distinction. To some the science of healing appeals; with others the call of the church cannot be disobeyed; the political arena or the marts of commerce and trade engage many, while there are still others who early see in their visions of the future their achieving of success in the law as the summit of their ambitions. To respond to this call, to bend every energy in this direction, to broaden and deepen every possible highway of knowledge and to finally enter upon this chosen career and find its rewards worth while—such has been the happy experience of Abraham Wilbur Schulman, who has been one of the rising members of the Dayton bar since 1908. Mr. Schulman was born at Dayton, June 8, 1885, a son of Bernhard Schulman, for many years a well-known resident of the Gem city, whose death, January 15, 1915, removed a useful citizen and honorable man. Abraham W. Schulman attended the graded schools and the Steele high school for his preliminary education, and, having determined upon a career in the law, then began his studies at the University of Cincinnati, where he was graduated in 1908 with his degree. He at once returned to Dayton, where he commenced his professional labors in partnership with Julius Jones, this connection being severed at the end of six months. Until 1914 Mr. Schulman then practised alone, but in that year an association was formed with Sol Flatau, which continued until 1915. Since then Mr. Schulman has carried on an independent general practice in all the courts. He has shown himself to be a lawyer of power, who will go far in his profession and who respects its best ethics. As an advocate he is notable, forceful and eloquent, terse, logical and vigorous. His energy, industry, patience, sagacity and composure have made him an opponent to be both dreaded and respected in any case in which he is actively concerned. He is a valued mem-

ber of the Montgomery County Bar association, the Ohio State Bar association and the American Bar association, and fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Independent Order B'nai B'rith. In the Greater Dayton association and other civic movements he has evidenced his public spirit and willingness to serve his city's interests. Mr. Schulman was married at Dayton to Miss Mae Oppenheimer, daughter of Morris Oppenheimer, of Cleveland, O., and to this union there has been born one son: William Bernhard.

M. J. Schwab. One of the old and honored business houses of Dayton, now approaching a half a century of life, is that conducted under the name of M. J. Schwab, wholesale and retail cigars and tobacco. During the extended period of its existence this enterprise has been conducted by two generations of the family, and at all times has maintained the high standard which made possible its early success and later development. M. J. Schwab, the present proprietor of the business, was born at Dayton, Ohio, February 12, 1860, a son of Jacob and Clara (Schwab) Schwab, natives of Germany. His father emigrated to the United States in 1848, as a young man, and after spending one year in New York City became a resident of Dayton, where for some time he followed his trade as a cabinet maker. Later he embarked in the grocery business, but in 1872 retired from that enterprise and founded the present business in what was then the Grand Opera house, but now known as the Victoria Theatre building. This continued to be the location of the business until 1889, when M. J. Schwab was admitted to the firm, which took the style of Jacob Schwab & Son, and located in its present building at the southwest corner of Third and Main streets. Mr. Schwab continued as the head of this business until 1899, when he retired from active affairs, and his death occurred four years later. He was well and favorably known in business circles, was a man of the utmost and strictest integrity, and was a citizen of public spirit and civic pride. Mrs. Schwab, who bore the same name as her husband, but who bore no relation to him before their marriage at Dayton, passed away nine months previous to her husband's death in 1902. She was a worthy helpmate to a worthy man. M. J. Schwab was educated in the public schools of Dayton, and learned the cigar business under his father, whose partner he became in 1889. At the time of his father's retirement, in 1899, he became sole owner, and has since conducted its affairs with the greatest of ability, making it one of the substantial concerns of its kind at Dayton. The firm of M. J. Schwab employs twelve people, and four traveling salesmen represent the houses in its territory, which covers the states of Indiana and Ohio. Its product is well-known, and superior in quality, and is extremely popular with smokers. Honorable policies have always directed the business which has the full confidence of the trade and the public in general. Mr. Schwab is prominent in club circles as well as in business, and belongs to the Dayton City club, Dayton Country, Bicycle and Miami Valley Golf clubs. He is likewise a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Y. M. C. A., and has given up much of his time to movements for the gen-

eral improvement of the city. September 4, 1893, Mr. Schwab married Glenna Marie, daughter of John L. and Henrietta (Stoner) Oram, of Dayton. They have no children.

Wilson R. Scott, M. D. In his special field of medical service, during the twenty years that he has been engaged in practice at Dayton, Dr. Wilson R. Scott has attained an eminent place, entitling him to recognition by both the laity and his professional brethren. His reputation rests upon his achievements in the treatment and cure of diseases of the pelvic viscera and kindred ailments, and comprehensive study, continued training and long experience have made him an authority. Doctor Scott was born at New Salem, Fayette county, Pa., February 13, 1866, and there obtained his early education in the public schools. Following this he pursued a course in the California normal school, in his native state, this being followed by work of a special nature as a student of the Chicago Pharmaceutical college, from which he was duly graduated with the class of 1886. His medical studies were continued in the Chicago Physio-Medical college, where he received the degree of M. D., as a member of the class of 1898, and in that year came to Dayton, where has since been engaged in a constantly increasing practice. Doctor Scott commenced his professional career as a general practitioner, but soon became deeply interested in his specialty, to which he has given great thought, study and research. Several of his own discoveries have contributed materially to medical knowledge, and he has never ceased to show the greatest interest in all matters which will shed any light on the subject to which he has devoted the greater part of his professional career. Doctor Scott has a splendidly equipped office at 143 S. Wilkinson street. He is a member of the Montgomery County Medical society, the Ohio State Physio-Medical and American Physio-Medical associations and also has a number of connections with civic and social bodies. Doctor Scott was married August 22, 1916, to Mabel May Peters, of Gibsonburg, Ohio, and to them has been born one son, Wilson R., jr.

Adam J. Seibert, assistant general manager of the Kay & Ess company at Dayton, leaders in the paint and varnish trade, occupies an unusually responsible position for his years and this advancement he has won through business capacity and strict adherence to honorable business principles. Mr. Seibert was born at Brooklyn, N. Y., June 15, 1887, and is a son of Adam Seibert, for many years a well known paint and varnish dealer. He obtained excellent educational training in the Detroit public schools which was supplemented by a course in the Detroit Business college. He then learned the paint and varnish business with his father, with whom he continued until 1910, when he came to the Kay & Ess company, where he was made general superintendent in September, 1911, so continuing until 1917, since when he has been assistant general manager. Mr. Seibert was married August 23, 1909, to Hazel N. Hendricks, a daughter of William J. Hendricks, an old resident of Detroit. They have two sons: Adam and John Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Seibert are members of Corpus Christi Roman Catholic church, Dayton, and he belongs to the Knights of Columbus

and an active worker in the great charitable enterprises of this organization.

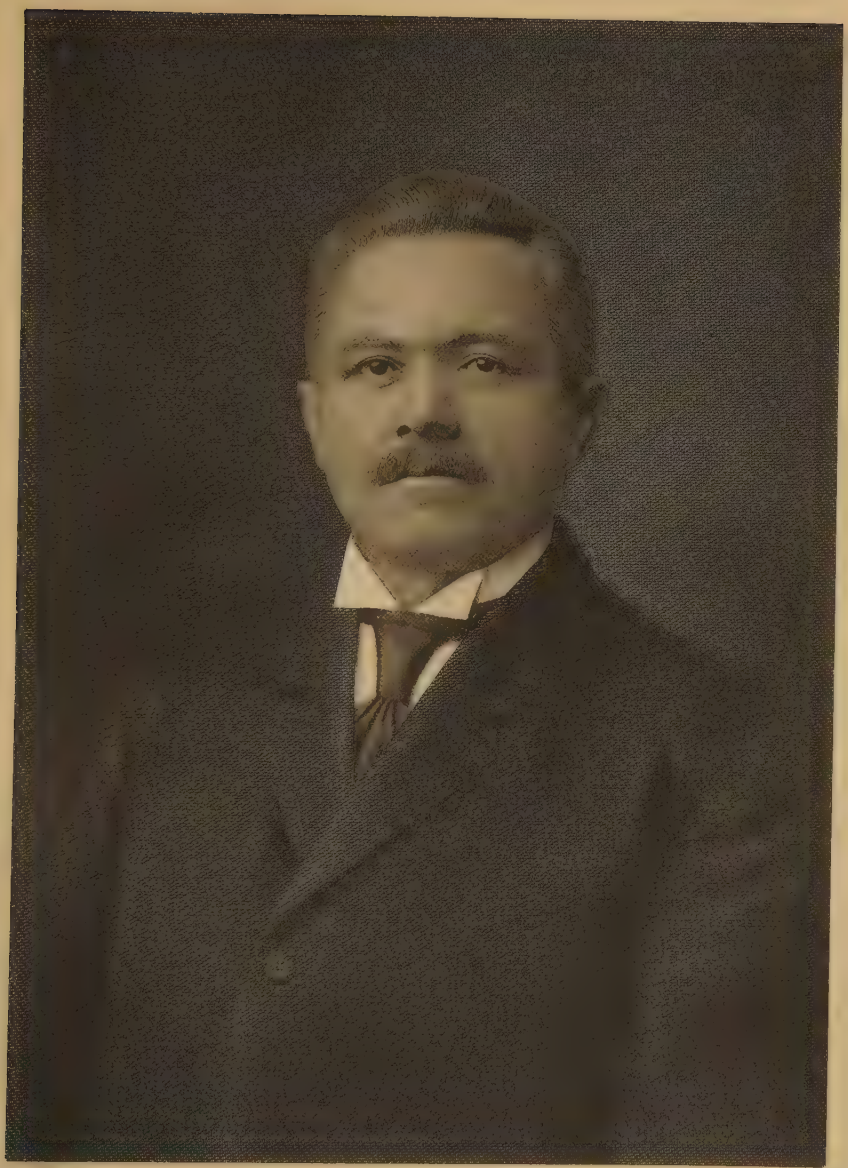
Charles Selz. Modern conditions, the trend of progress and the constantly increasing demand for expediency in the handling of every-day affairs have resulted in the development of industries unknown several decades ago. One of these is the modern laundry, the efficiency and expert service of which have become accepted as an every-day necessity, not alone in the household, but by the large hostelries, restaurants and in every line of business. At Dayton, the Troy-Pearl Laundry company has reached a point where its service is regarded as a valuable community asset, and this company, while not bearing the same name as the original, is in reality the oldest laundry in the city, the consolidation of the Pearl-American and Troy laundries, which occurred in 1905, having brought into the new company the organization known as the Reed-Kelly company, which had been founded about 1874. Charles Selz, president of the present concern and a business man of rare and acknowledged ability, and it has been also largely through his good management and wise direction of policy that the business has since grown and prospered in such marked degree. Mr. Selz is a native son of Dayton, born October 4, 1877, a son of Charles Selz. His father, a native of Germany, emigrated to the United States as a youth, in 1854, and here passed the active years of his life as a carriage builder. Charles Selz, the younger, was brought up in a household where he had the best of influences, received his education in the parochial school of Trinity Catholic church. When he was still a young man he entered the service of the Pearl Laundry, and in February, 1905, took part in the reorganization which followed the consolidation above noted, becoming treasurer of the newly formed company. The other officers at that time were Thomas A. Selz, president, John A. Reed, vice-president, and F. P. Gass, secretary. The business was incorporated for $150,000, and the present building, at Nos. 10-32 Zeigler Street, was erected. This plant has 86,000 square feet of floor space, giving ample room for the 175 workers, as well as for the latest power laundry machinery which has been installed. The wagons and automobiles of the concern deliver the laundry over nineteen different routes in the city, and included in the matter handled may be mentioned hotel work, regular laundry work, family washing, towel supply and dry cleaning, and for the last-named there is a completely equipped dry cleaning plant. The present officers of the company are: Charles Selz, president and general manager; William H. Hyers, vice-president; and William L. Stonebarger, jr., secretary and treasurer. Mr. Selz is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Y. M. C. A., fraternizes with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and belongs to the Fourth Reformed church. He was married May 16, 1901, to Hortense Barnhart, daughter of Mathias Barnhart, of Jefferson township, Montgomery county, and to this union there have been born four children, all residing with their parents and attending school: Paul B., Louis M., Rozella M. and Charles M.

Abraham Semmelman. One of the successful business concerns of Dayton, the officers of which are all members of one family, is that of the Miami Brass Foundry company. This enterprise has an excellent standing in business circles of Dayton, where it has carried on operations for a number of years, where it has gained success and prestige, and where its present officials have shown themselves to be citizens of responsibility, worth and business capacity. The vice-president and general manager of the Miami Brass Foundry company, Abraham Semmelman, is one of the men of the younger generation who have achieved prosperity in their native city, for he was born at Dayton, August 12, 1888, and is a son of Benjamin Semmelman, long known and esteemed in business circles. Abe Semmelman attended the public schools of Dayton, and his first business connection was with the Miami Brass Foundry company, in 1906. This business had been founded a number of years ago, by Herman Stiers, but in the year mentioned was purchased by Benjamin Semmelman, who has since remained as its president and directing head of its policies. Later the business was incorporated for $10,000, and Benjamin Semmelman remained as president; Abraham Semmelman became vice-president and general manager; and Blanche Semmelman, secretary. The business of the company is the manufacture of brass, bronze and aluminum castings, and the product of the concern is widely known and highly favored, because of its excellence of workmanship and reliable durability. About 100 people are given regular employment in the business, and the plant now contains 30,000 square feet of floor space. This structure, which is modern in every way, was built in 1906, and in 1914 and 1916 was remodeled and enlarged. When Mr. Semmelman first joined the company, he put in one and one-half years in the foundry, where he became familiar with every detail of the mechanical work. When he left the foundry it was to enter the office, where he followed the same methods of procedure, so that he is thoroughly conversant with the business in all its details, thus making his service doubly valuable and enabling him to perform his executive duties in an intelligent and thorough manner. He has held the offices of vice-president and general manager since 1914. Mr. Semmelman is a Mason and belongs to Dayton Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is popular with his fellow-members in both orders. His business thus far has occupied the principal part of his attention, to the exclusion of other activities, yet he keeps public spiritedly in touch with civic matters of moment and supports good movements with his influence, ability and means. Mr. Semmelman was married December 23, 1912 to Carrie Daneman, daughter of Aaron Daneman of Dayton. This union has been blessed by the birth of two children: Ruth D. and William A.

George Serapin. Among the distinguishing features of Dayton business life is the location here of firms devoted to the exclusive manufacture of certain specially made articles. Not so many years back, as time goes, the majority of the large interests were centered farther to the East, but this metropolis of the Miami valley was not long in proving itself a logical center of distribution, and

as a result many level-headed business men established their plants where they could secure the unsurpassed transportation facilities that Dayton boasts. Among the more recently organized concerns to locate here is the North Side Tool company, which, during the comparatively short period of its existence has prospered and flourished under the guidance of its president, George Serapin, one of the energetic and progressive business men of Dominant Dayton. Mr. Serapin was born in Germany, September 4, 1887, a son of George Serapin, sr., who brought his family to the United States in 1889, and who is now employed at the blacksmith trade at Dayton. The younger man received his education in the public schools of the city and, inheriting his father's mechanical predilections, learned the tool maker's trade as an employee of the National Cash Register company. Subsequently, he was connected with the North Dayton Machine and Tool company, and remained with that concern until March, 1916, when he associated himself with William A. Thompson and Curt R. Miller in the organization of the North Side Tool company, the business being first located on Air street, and being conducted as a partnership. October 31, 1917, it was incorporated for $20,000, with Mr. Serapin as president; Mr. Miller as vice-president; and Mr. Thompson, secretary and treasurer, these officers still retaining their positions. At the time of the incorporation the new factory at No. 17 N. Maryland avenue, was built and occupied, this plant containing 50,000 square feet of floor space. It is thoroughly equipped throughout with special machinery for the manufacture of jigs, dies, fixtures, tools, amplifying gauges, etc., and tool jobbing is a feature of the business. Thirty-five people are given employment. Mr. Serapin's success in business has been a matter of personal achievement and has not been the result of any favoring circumstances or strokes of luck. From his earliest boyhood he has made the most of every opportunity that has presented itself, and his career has been marked by consecutive advancement, always well-merited. While he is naturally inclined to give his business the bulk of his attention, to the neglect of other matters, he has never turned a deaf ear to requests for his support of movements directed along progressive channels and his public-spirited citizenship has been demonstrated on a number of occasions and in a number of different ways. November 18, 1908, Mr. Serapin was united in marriage at Dayton to Miss Ida Grone, daughter of Henry Grone of this city, and they are the parents of three children: Elmer, Charlotte and George Raymond.

Charles Seybold and the Seybold Machine Company. Mr. Charles Seybold is one of the German-Americans who have helped make America. But he would deny the hyphen and call himself an American pure and simple. His life reads, if not like a fairy tale—(it is too practical for that)—like a thrilling novel with a denouement entirely too extraordinary to follow the simple beginning. He was born at Wittenberg, Germany, of plain working parents and in an environment that left no choice except to be drafted into the army at the time when he should have been looking life in the face, and from then on to be as he expresses it, "a slave to the kaiser." At thirteen he had been taken out of school to help support the other



Thos. Geybold.

younger members of the family and saw no prospect of completing his schooling. There seemed only one way out—America—that land which rumor called the land of hope and of success. Being a boy of decision it did not take him long to make up his mind, and one day in the month of August, 1877, found him a "boy" of nineteen, with few clothes, one dollar in money and not an English word to bless himself with, going down the gangplank of an incoming liner at Ellis Island. Somebody on the boat told him that Cincinnati was the place for him to go, there were so many Germans there, so with little of the dollar left he set his face westward, and by means of stolen rides on freight trains, succeeded after the lapse of three weeks in alighting in the yards at Cincinnati. As a candidate for a job Charles Seybold did not promise much. He was unkempt and sallow, his face showed the effect of few meals and poor ones and his shoes were literally without soles. Small wonder that even as a beggar he did not make enough to keep life in him. Giving out completely from cold and hunger he was taken to the Betts Street hospital, where he was found to be suffering from typhoid fever. Thirteen weeks after this experience he found himself once more on the streets with only the advice of the physician in charge to ponder —that advice was to take plenty of good port wine. Wine for one who did not know where the next mouthful of bread was coming from! Within a few hours after his discharge he fell in the street from weakness. Yet never did he for a minute own up to discouragement. A gardener who in pay for chores allowed him to sleep in the upper floor of the forcing house, proved to be his first real friend. Six months went by in vain search for work, crowned at last by the offer, which he was only too glad to accept, of an errand job at three seventy-five a week. In making good at this work he succeeded in bettering himself to the extent of another at seven dollars a week, where he swung a sledge hammer in a blacksmith shop for nine hours a day. He had no friends, no recreation, no communication with his fellow-workers; they called him a "greenhorn" and laughed at him for his queer foreign ways. But—having broken into the world of work Charles Seybold never fell out—never an idle day and what he undertook he carried through.

In 1883 the ambition of his life (up to that time) was realized—he found someone with confidence enough in his honesty to advance him $75 at six per cent interest, with which he started a repair shop on his own account. A machine was the most alluring thing in the world to him; he loved it, he was fascinated with the problems it presented, and it was not long before it became known that Charles Seybold could mend any piece of mechanism that ever was invented, and furthermore that if a machine were needed for a certain purpose he could evolve the idea. From that it was but a step to inventing and then to building machinery. For the following eight or nine years the repair shop gave him abundant occupation and in 1890 he felt competent to undertake the manufacture of machines. He did build one, a paging and numbering machine for paging blank books; he not only built, but he sold it, and that was the beginning of his business career. He took on more helpers, did some advertising and was gradually making a place for himself in the Cincinnati busi-

ness world when circumstances brought him to Dayton. The impetus for this step came from Mr. Whealman, of the C. L. Hawes Strawboard company, for whom he built a machine. The story of this enterprise illustrates the peculiar tenacity of Mr. Seybold in pursuit of a new and difficult undertaking. He was called upon by Mr. Whealman, who explained one of the difficulties of his own business, that of manufacturing strawboard of a certain thickness. In summer weather when the layers of board could be kept outside and be welded together it was possible of accomplishment, but in winter it could not be done; the demand then was for a machine that would make strawboard the year around.

Mr. Seybold took some days to think over the proposition and announced that he believed he had the idea. After some months the idea had been translated into steel cogs and plates and word was sent to Dayton that the machine was ready to try out. It was found impossible to try it in Cincinnati, so it was sent up and set up in the strawboard shop, where it refused to work. Taunted by the stubbornness of the thing, whose basic principle he believed had been so carefully adhered to, Mr. Seybold kept at it literally day and night. It was not possible to quit permanently his shop in Cincinnati or leave it entirely to his assistants, so he took the train every evening to Dayton, worked at the refractory machine all night, or until two or three o'clock in the morning, snatched a few hours sleep, took the six o'clock train back to Cincinnati, worked in his repair shop all day and back again at night to Dayton. This went on for several months when suddenly, it seemed, for all the delay, the machine decided to do exactly what was expected of it and turned out strawboard at the rate of ten tons a day, with only two girls as operatives.

This success fairly fixed the status of Mr. Seybold as a practical, constructive mechanic and turned his mind decisively towards manufacturing. In 1892 he moved to Dayton, established himself at a little shop on Louie street and began to make machinery. From that time the expansion of his business was a foregone conclusion. Now after nearly thirty years the plant presents the following departments and characteristics: First the designing room, to which all suggestions from customers, salesmen and men in the factory are referred. These suggestions are thought out, tested for practicability and if found good are built into machines. This division also makes the blueprints used by other departments of the factory in constructing machines. The designing room is flooded with light, both natural and artificial, and is located in the quietest part of the plant. After the design of a machine has been determined upon comes the making of the pattern, a most careful and important part of the work. Wood is used for the structure of the patterns. The slightest imperfection in a pattern, the smallest bit of carelessness or neglect would ruin the finished product. In this department only the most experienced men are employed to keep up the standard of the Seybold patterns. The accuracy and perfection of the finished parts of a machine depend primarily upon the skill of the pattern maker. In the store room of pattern lumber there are kept on hand quantities of white pine, poplar, maple and mahogany. Before pro-

ceeding with the moulding the several patterns are fitted together to ascertain if any imperfection exists. If it does the pattern is sent back for correction. All materials entering into the construction of Seybold machinery are carefully tested by chemists and must come up to a certain high standard before being accepted. The unloading of cars and handling of raw materials has been worked down to the utmost point of efficiency. Many months' supply of steel, pig iron and other materials are kept always in reserve.

The next department is the foundry. The principal product of the Seybold plant, as has been explained, is a cutting machine. To make this the pattern of each part is pressed into a mass of sand and when it is withdrawn an exact impression is made into which the hot fluid is poured and allowed to cool. This process of pouring off, as it is called, is one of the most interesting sights in the factory. The huge caldron in which the metal is poured to be melted is called the cupola. At certain times each day oxygen is forced into the cupola by means of a large air blower and the melting process begins. The white hot metal sputters and throws off sparks while the light makes long shadows of the workmen against the sides of the building—a sight for a stage representation of the inferno. Some of the largest castings in the state of Ohio come from the Seybold factory. When the castings come from the moulds they are not smooth and finished but must be cleaned and the rough edges filed off, after which they are rigidly inspected and then sent to the stock supply. Tens of thousands of machine parts are kept constantly on hand in the warehouse devoted to that purpose.

The machine shops include a planing department and a lathe department, the former with planes five or six times as high as a man, with a base upon which swings back and forth a cutting machine weighing more than eight thousand pounds, the latter with a whole battery of lathes each larger than a high powered automobile but with an accuracy that insures work true to the thousandth of an inch. The forge shop is a study in itself. It is a blacksmith shop raised to the 100th degree. And the blacksmith of days gone by would be lost in the modern forge shop. One of the devices in this department is a horizontal milling, drilling and tapping machine, designed and built within the shops of the Seybold factory. The tools in the tool room are the last cry in mechanical perfection. The toolmakers talk of ten thousandth of an inch as ordinary people talk of feet and inches. Gauges are shown so perfectly made and so smooth that when two are put together and all air forced out the two pieces will adhere. These gauges are made by a secret process invented in Sweden, and their use in the Seybold tool room assures the perfection of every tool issuing therefrom. After the various shops have completed their work of each of the several parts of a machine the finished parts are sent to the assembling department, where they are finally fitted each into its place and the complete machine is the result. The assembly room is an enormous building capable of accommodating nearly a hundred machines. It covers several acres of floor space and generally is occupied by sixty or seventy machines all being fitted together. Large cranes swing the heaviest pieces into place and as each part is found to be perfect

its place is found in the machine and stamped with that machine's factory number. The last task is to oil the machine and paint it and affix the Seybold name; then it goes to the shipping department.

Although the plant is built connecting with five trunk lines and although the shipping is conducted as expeditiously as possible, it is not an uncommon sight to see fifteen or twenty machines all waiting on the shipping platform. With all the promptness possible it is not possible to keep up with the demand for Seybold machines. During the war the Seybold company manufactured machines for making ammunitions which were used in the Rock Island arsenal. Their present output includes bookbinders' and printers' machinery, paper cutters, embossers, book compressors, book trimmers, die cutting presses and so forth.

Walter C. Shafor. For some years real estate in Dayton and its environs has experienced tremendous activity, the city having been greatly enlarged and many suburbs opened up to settlement because of the steadily growing population. Thousands of new residents have been added to the city within the space of a few years, and the number of homes built has been so great as to place Dayton in a prominent position among the leading municipalities of the central west in the matter of individual home owners. For this reason the real estate field offered a number of attractions to the energetic spirit of Walter C. Shafor, who in 1914, through the platting of Shafor Heights, in Oakwood, laid the foundation for what promises to be one of the substantially successful careers of the city. Mr. Shafor was born at Dayton April 5, 1869, a son of John Calvin and Susan (Bowen) Shafor, the former a native of Middletown, Ohio, and the latter of Montgomery county, this state. John C. Shafor was a stone quarry owner and followed that line of business all of his life, although he was also a prominent investor in properties. Both he and his wife died in the faith of the Baptist church. They were the parents of three children: Charles B.; Elizabeth, who is deceased, and Walter C. Walter C. Shafor was educated in the public schools of Dayton and his first employment was as timekeeper for the Warren Scharff Asphalt company. Later he engaged in the quarry business with his father and brother Charles. Subsequently our subject merged with the William Huffman company to embark in the business of supplying stone to contractors, which they followed until 1896, when he sold his interest in the company. He then engaged in general contracting for a number of years and in 1914, having recognized the possibilities in the real estate business, began the platting of what he named Shafor Heights, in Oakwood, a Dayton suburb, consisting of 129 acres, which had been purchased by his father from the Van Cleve estate in 1863. Twenty-four acres are being developed and thirty-seven houses have already been built and are now occupied. Mr. Shafor reserves the right to approve all plans of the residences, so that the subdivision will be one of architectural beauty and symmetry and an exclusive residential district. When he entered the real estate business Mr. Shafor at once began a campaign of operation that has brought him to the attention of the realty men of the city, owing to the number and importance of his deals. Aside from Shafor Heights he has large real estate holdings

throughout the city and his transactions are carried through on a large and impressive scale. He is a member of the Baptist church and holds membership in the Dayton Chamber of Commerce. His standing in the business circles of his city is an excellent one, for he has always been noted for the strictness of his integrity and the high plane upon which he directs his business principles. June 21, 1893, Mr. Shafor was united in matrimony with Harriet C., daughter of Perry and Lucy (Remley) Pease, of Dayton, and they are the parents of three children: Susan Anna, the wife of Charles Crawford, of Dayton, and Margaret and Harriet, who reside with their parents.

Benjamin R. Shaman. While he is still numbered among the younger members of the Dayton bar, with his career but unfolding before him, Benjamin R. Shaman has already had experience of valuable and important character and has established the fact that his talents as an attorney are such as to warrant him a high place in the ranks of his calling. He has seen both public and private service, and as official and practitioner has discharged his duties and responsibilities efficiently and conscientiously. Mr. Shaman is another of the long list of Dayton men who have achieved success in the city of their birth. He was born here June 11, 1892, being a son of Sol Shaman, who had become a resident of the city some years before and had been engaged in business along commercial lines. The public schools furnished Benjamin R. Shaman with his education and he was early attracted by the opportunities afforded by a career in the law. It was necessary that he overcome some obstacles which lay in his path, for he could not afford a college training, but he applied himself diligently to his self-assumed task and through constant study and perseveringly keeping at it, mastered his calling and successfully passed the examination, being admitted to the bar in June, 1915. Mr. Shaman entered practice at that time but did not devote his entire time to his profession, for he had been appointed secretary of the department of safety for the city of Dayton and his duties were important and demanded a large share of his time. January 1, 1917, however, he entered more actively into practice, when he became associated as a partner with the firm of Dale & Kusworm, with offices in the Reibold building. He has continued with that firm to the present time and has succeeded in building up a good individual clientele, in addition to aiding the firm in its success in the courts. Mr. Shaman is a member of the Montgomery County Bar association. His rapid advancement in his profession has been watched with interest and gratification by a wide circle of friends.

Lon O. Shank has been connected with the business interests of Dayton since 1900, and more recently has exercised his abilities and energies in the discharge of duties of an official nature. His record, both as a business man and public servant, reflects credit upon him, and during his career he has established a reputation for sound judgment, natural ability and strict integrity that has gained him the confidence of his associates and of the public in general. Mr. Shank was born at Trotwood, Montgomery county, Ohio, May 4, 1871, a son of Dr. A. M. Shank. His father, one of the well-known physicians and surgeons of the county, was engaged in practice at Trot-

wood for thirty years, and was highly esteemed in his profession and greatly respected by a large practice. His son was given his educational training at Trotwood and the Dayton public schools, and as a youth entered the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad, which line he represented as agent at Trotwood for fifteen years. In 1900 he resigned his position and came to Dayton, where he became a traveling salesman for the house of Berdeau & Company, of Toledo, and was thus employed in 1915, when he received the appointment by Governor Willis to a place on the liquor licensing board. During his residence at Dayton Mr. Shank has identified himself with a number of successful business ventures, most prominent among which is the Computing Appliance company, of which he is president, and the success of which is due to his marked ability and twentieth century energy. His rating and reputation among business men are substantially high, as is also his standing socially and as a constructive and public-spirited citizen was a member of Dayton city council 1912-13. He is a member of the Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Sons of Veterans. Mr. Shank married Miss Nellie L. Bridge, daughter of Jennie E. Bridge, of Dayton.

Rienzi R. Shank, M. D. The third representative of three generations of one family of physicians who have practiced in Montgomery county, Rienzi R. Shank, M. D., of Trotwood, comes naturally by his predilection for his chosen calling and is accounted one of the leaders of his vocation in his part of Montgomery county. Doctor Shank was born at Trotwood December 14, 1869, a son of Dr. Aaron M. and Delilah (Fry) Shank, and a grandson of Dr. Peter Shank, who was a country doctor in Jefferson township, where he owned a farm. On the homestead place was born Dr. Aaron M. Shank, who acquired his medical training at the Ohio Medical college and for many years was a beloved physician at Trotwood, known far and wide over the countryside for his skill, his human qualities and his great sympathy. He died May 1, 1890, while Mr. Shank survived him until June, 1907. The father was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Ancient Order of United Workmen and was valued by his associates in the Montgomery County Medical society, the Ohio State Medical society and the American Medical association, and was a faithful member of the Christian church. He and his wife were the parents of five children: Ambrose, a resident of Trotwood; Ulysses S., of Lynchburg; Rienzi R.; Lon O., of Dayton, and Iona, deceased. Rienzi R. Shank attended the public school at Trotwood and the old Central High school at Dayton, graduates of which have risen to eminence in various of the professions and in other walks of life. For six years he followed the vocation of a school teacher in the rural districts of Montgomery county, and in the meantime applied himself during his leisure hours to the study of medicine. Eventually he entered the Ohio Medical college, where he was graduated in the class of 1900 with the degree of M. D., and immediately began practice at Trotwood, where he has since continued. He has won an established place in the confidence and gratitude of the people of his locality through his unfailing skill and sympathy, and in his profes-

sion is esteemed as a man of marked attainments and high professional ethics. He belongs to the Montgomery County Medical society, the Ohio State Medical society and the American Medical association, and holds membership also in the Mystic club of Dayton and the Red Cross society. As a fraternalist he is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and belongs to Antioch Temple of the Mystic Shrine, Trotwood Lodge, I. O. O. F., Iola Lodge, No. 83, Knights of Pythias, and the Modern Woodmen of America. He was married June 12, 1900, to Mary E. daughter of Ephraim and Jennie (Worley) Spitler, of Perry township, Montgomery county, and they are the parents of four children: Katherine Elizabeth, Paul Justin, Alberta Louise and John Trotwood.

Seabury Shank. Were the living brought to a realization of the continuing influence exerted by the good deeds of an individual after he has passed to another sphere many, perhaps, would endeavor to make more of their opportunities so that when they too shall have been gathered unto their fathers their record may be as clear and potential. It is often true that a man's full strength and influence over others is not realized while he is living, and it is only when his life is viewed in retrospect that its real value is appreciated. No man can spend the majority of his years in a community and persistently exert himself toward the development of its natural resources without becoming a forceful personality and leaving his imprint upon its history. Of the agriculturists who have lived and labored in Montgomery county and whose useful and wholesome lives have not only served to advance its development but have also formed an example which may be profitably emulated by the coming generation, one who was successful materially and who held the high esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens was the late Seabury Shank. Mr. Shank was born in the vicinity of Germantown, Montgomery county, Ohio, November 2, 1848, a son of Joseph and Marie (Bruler) Shank. His father, a native of Maryland, came to Ohio as a young man, adopted the vocation of farming, and continued as a plain tiller of the soil during the remainder of an industrious and worthy career. Seabury Shank received a common school education in the rural districts of Montgomery county, and when ready to choose his life work adopted the occupation of his father, one which had been the chief vocation of the Shanks for a number of generations. He proved a practical, scientific, industrious and progressive agriculturist, and through good management and making the most of his opportunities in an energetic way was able to accumulate a competency upon which he retired in 1901. At that time he moved to Dayton, and there lived comfortably on the fruits of his early labors until called by death, August 6, 1905. Mr. Shank was a man of the highest integrity, and through his straightforward business methods and his personal worth gained and held confidence and friendships. He was a consistent member of the First United Brethren church. October 30, 1872, Mr. Shank was married to Miss Clara C. Heck, who was born in Jefferson township, Montgomery county, Ohio, February 15, 1852, and educated in the public schools there. She is a daughter of John D. and Lydia (Getter) Heck, farming people of Montgomery county, and survives her husband, resid-

ing at 616 W. Superior street. She has a wide acquaintance and is highly esteemed for many admirable qualities of mind and heart. Mr. and Mrs. Shank became the parents of two children: Mabel Lydia, who married Oscar Zehring, of Germantown, and has three children: Hildreth, Frederick and Clara Beth, and Everett W., of Dayton, who married Fannie Harlacher, of Dayton, and they have one son, Richard Everett.

Stanley R. Sharts. The activities of Stanley R. Sharts during an energetic and successful career have been somewhat varied as well as interesting in character. They have covered the domains of war and of peace, have led him into important work both in this and foreign lands, and have eventuated in his incumbency of the office of engineer of Montgomery county, and his return to his birth city, Dayton. Mr. Sharts is one of the well-known civil engineers of the Miami valley and a man who is adding a splendid official record to that which he made in private life. He was born at Dayton June 18, 1874, a son of Joseph W. and Belle (Ealy) Sharts. His father, a native of Warren county, Ohio, was a practitioner of law and practiced his profession at various times at Germantown and Hamilton, Ohio, and at Lincoln, Nebr. His death occurred at Hamilton in 1875. Mrs. Sharts, who survives, resides at 540 W. Fourth street, Dayton, where she has a comfortable home and is surrounded by many friends. Stanley R. Sharts received his primary education in the public schools of Dayton, where he was graduated from the Central High school. He then enrolled as a student at the Ohio State university, where in addition to the regular course he took a course in civil and mining engineering, established a good college record and was graduated with the class of 1897. For his initial experience of a practical nature he went to the mining fields of southern Illinois, and at Marion, in that state, was placed in charge of mines and continued to be so engaged for about a year. At this time the Spanish-American war came on to temporarily interrupt his civilian activities, for the young man patriotically offered his services and was accepted as a member of company C, 4th I. V. I., June 1, 1898. He was a private with that command until December of the same year, when he was transferred to company A, Second Regiment Engineering Corps, and continued to serve in Cuba until May 16, 1899, when he was honorably discharged and mustered out of the service. Returning to Dayton, Mr. Sharts became engaged in Baltimore & Ohio and Southwestern railway construction work, which occupied his attention until 1900, when he entered the engineer's office of the city of Dayton and was there engaged in work connected with the construction and repair of the city sewerage system until March, 1901. Mr. Sharts then became assistant engineer in the engineer's office of Montgomery county and held that position until elected county engineer in September, 1917. He was commissioned captain of engineers in the Officers' Reserve corps and ordered to active service at Fort Benjamin Harrison, May 8, 1917, and June 15 of that year his station was changed to Fort Leavenworth. He was released from active service August 29, 1917, to assume the duties of his office as county engineer. Since that time he has been one of the busiest and most energetic of the

county's officials and the manner in which he is handling the affairs of his office, made possible by his natural ability and his long years of experience, has been gratifying to the people and satisfying particularly to the taxpayers. Mr. Sharts is a Democrat and has for a number of years been prominent and influential in the ranks of his party. He is fraternally affiliated with the Masons, the K. P., the Order of Eagles and the Delta Tau Delta college fraternity of the Ohio state university, and also holds membership in the Spanish-American War veterans and the American Society of Civil Engineers. He was married December 14, 1904, to Miss Bessie Bone, daughter of George and Lydia A. (Stephenson) Bone, of Lebanon, Ohio.

George H. Shartzer. In the comparatively short period in which he has been engaged in the activities with which his name has been connected at Dayton, George H. Shartzer has become one of the substantial business men of the city as the head of the G. H. Shartzer company, which in five years has gained a recognized position in the field of general contracting. George H. Shartzer was born at Harrisburg, Pa., August 30, 1886. He received his education in the public schools of Harrisburg and Philadelphia, and entered the business of construction at Columbus, Ohio, where he received his initial experience while acting as superintendent for Mr. Packer, an architect of that city. He superintended the building of Washington Court House, the Y. M. C. A., at Bremen, Ohio, and the high school at Franklin, Ohio. In 1913 he came to Dayton, where for a short period he was with the Structural Concrete company as superintendent of the building of the City National bank. With the completion of this building he embarked in business on his own account, founding the G. H. Shartzer company. In the following year, 1914, the business was incorporated for $50,000, with the following officers: G. H. Shartzer, president; J. E. Zimmer, secretary, and Otto Melot, treasurer, the business being located at 512 W. Third street. In 1915 A. G. Reed became vice-president and treasurer of the company. The company, as originally organized, carried on wrecking and repair work only, but with its development and growth in prosperity has enlarged its scope so that all kinds of contracting, wrecking, repairing and remodeling are done. The company employs from 100 to 200 people, and has been engaged in filling many important contracts. Mr. Shartzer is one of Dayton's young, energetic, progressive business men, capable, self-reliant and aggressive in his tactics, and he has the executive capacity necessary for the handling of large forces of men in important work. His associates place great confidence in him and this has always been vindicated. Mr. Shartzer belongs to the Greater Dayton association and to several other civic bodies and has been a consistent supporter of public-spirited enterprises launched in behalf of the general welfare. He is fraternally affiliated with Stillwater Lodge, F. & A. M., Dayton, and York Lodge, I. O. O. F., of York, Pa.

George G. Shaw, one of the prominent business men of Dayton and a native son of Dayton, was born August 20, 1865, of far back English ancestry and old Quaker stock. His parents were George Wilson and Mary (Perrine) Shaw, the former of whom was born in

1823, at Rising Sun, Ind. His early educational training was received in the public schools of Dayton, and this was supplemented by a course in Wollaston seminary, at East Hampton, Mass. A period of broadening travel in Europe followed and after his return to the United States he was in the mercantile brokerage business at Chicago for three years. Mr. Shaw's preferences then drew him back to Dayton, where he became officially connected with the Dayton Paper Novelty company, serving as secretary and treasurer until 1900, when he became president of the corporation. He has numerous other important interests, officially and oterwise, being treasurer of the Pioneer Tar Soap company, a director of the Third National bank of Dayton, and a director also of the N. C. railroad. In 1900 he married Sophie, daughter of William and Margaret (Wright) Craighead, of Dayton, and they have two children: George Wilson and Margaret Craighead Shaw. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw attend the Presbyterian church. They are active in social circles and Mr. Shaw belongs to the Dayton City club, the Country and the Buz Fuz clubs. His political opinions are based on what he believes true Americanism, which for him is found in the underlying principles of the Republican party.

Charles E. Shawen, M. D. Among the men prominently identified with the medical profession of Ohio, none is more worthy of mention in the Memoirs of the Miami Valley than Dr. Charles E. Shawen, of Dayton. He holds prestige in his profession by reason of ability and thorough training, and is one of the native sons of this city who have succeeded in their life work in their own community. He was born November 4, 1875, a son of Edward L. Shawen and Martha Jane (Puterbaugh) Shawen, pioneers of this city. The father was born in Cumberland, Maryland, in 1839, and came to Dayton in 1850, walking the entire distance over the Dixie highway, when a lad of less than twelve years of age. For more than sixty-eight years he has been one of the active factors in the progress and development of this community, and though he has many years outlived man's allotted three-score years and ten, he still enjoys perfect health and complete mental activity. For half a century he was engaged in agricultural pursuits in Montgomery county, and through industry, pluck and perseverance has become one of its substantial and valued citizens. He was also prominently identified with the nursery business in this county for many years, being vice-president of the Heikes Nursery company, of Dayton, and is universally recognized as authority on all matters along these lines. Although the mother of our subject passed away nearly fifteen years ago, she is remembered as a woman of sterling qualities and much beauty of character. She came of a prominent old-established Maryland family which dates back to the Colonial epoch in American history, and her parents were numbered among the pioneers of this city, her maternal grandfather, Jacob Mumma, having settled in Dayton as early as 1847. Dr. Charles E. Shawen acquired his education in the public schools of Dayton and the Steele High school of this city. His natural predilection was toward that of medical science and he early began the study for this profession, his first course being at the Chicago Homeopathic School of Medi-

cine. Later he matriculated at the Rush Medical college, where he took a thorough course, and was graduated from this institution in 1903 with the degree of M. D. He then served as interne at the Cook County hospital for one and a half years, and on his return to Dayton, where he immediately established himself in the practice of medicine, he began his life work well qualified. For fifteen years Dr. Shawen has been recognized as a strong factor in the best element of his profession, and few physicians of Dayton have gained so high a reputation for ability and faithfulness. His offices are in the Fidelity Medical building, where he maintains a commodious suite and is accorded a liberal patronage. He is a deep student and original investigator, and as a man of marked intellectual activity his labors have given impetus to the medical profession of this city. He is a member of the surgical staff of the Miami Valley hospital, and is one of the active factors of that institution. He is also a member of the American Institute of Homeopathy and of the Homeopathy State Medical society, and keeps in close touch with all that medical science is bringing to light in the field of scientific knowledge. Fraternally Dr. Shawen is a Knight of Pythias, and though unostentatious in manner, has hosts of warm friends. He has always maintained the highest standards of professional ethics and is recognized as a man of ability and sagacity. In the light of later years the record of his early career is most interesting and significant, for never was a man's success due more to his own native ability and less to outward circumstances. Nothing came to him by chance. He gained his high position through no favors of influential friends, but worked his way up from the bottom rung of the professional ladder by sheer pluck and marked ability, and his achievements are the merited reward of earnest, honest efforts. Dr. Shawen was married December 20, 1904, to Miss Agnes O. Brown, of North Adams, Mass., a daughter of Dr. Orland J. Brown, for many years an eminent physician and surgeon of that city, and they became the parents of three children: Martha J., Charles E., jr., and Robert B.

A. Dorvin Shellabarger. Among the prominent manufacturing enterprises of Dayton, one which in recent years has become a leader in its field is the International Clay Machinery company. The fact that this concern has nearly quadrupled its business since its organization in 1915 gives evidence of the presence of a capable and energetic personnel of officers, and among them is found A. Dorvin Shellabarger, who since 1917 has occupied the position of treasurer. Mr. Shellabarger was born in Miami county, Ohio, September 7, 1882, a son of Daniel J. Shellabarger, and a member of a family which has resided in that county for many years. His boyhood and youth were largely passed in Covington, Miami county, Ohio, where he received his literary education in the public schools, while to prepare himself for a business career he pursued a course at the Miami Commercial college, of this city. This training assisted him in procuring a position with the Recording & Computing Machine company, as bookkeeper, a post by which he arose through consecutive promotions to the position of treasurer. In September, 1917, he was induced to cast his fortunes with the International Clay

Machinery company, in the same capacity, and has continued to act as treasurer of the concern to June 1, 1919. July, 1919, came to Dayton Fan & Motor company as auditor and has charge of office, credits and collections. This business was originally known as the C. W. Raymond company and had been founded in the early '70s. It had been conducted as a business for the manufacture of clay working machinery, but upon a much smaller scale than the International Clay Machinery company, which was organized in October, 1915, being incorporated under its present name with a capital of $200,000. The original officers were as follows: S. W. Reynolds, president; B. A. Prager, vice-president and secretary; and J. C. Bannock, general manager. In 1916 Mr. Bannock died and M. Silverman became general manager, while R. H. McElroy was made sales and assistant general manager, and A. Dorvin Shellabarger became treasurer in the following September. Mr. Silverman resigned his position in 1918, owing to ill health, and H. E. Stocker became general manager and vice-president; and Walter S. Smith, producing manager, these being the present officers, with S. W. Reynolds as president and B. A. Prager, secretary. Starting with about 100 employees, this concern now has approximately 400 people on its payroll, and the big plant, located on Bolander avenue, occupies seven acres of ground, with 75,000 feet of floor space. The output of this plant includes clay working machinery, gas producers, industrial and dump cars, combustion furnaces, structural iron work, sheet metal work, general foundry work and conveying systems. During the period of the great war the company was engaged 100 per cent in war production, its product for the government being principally 75-MM shells and emergency fleet marine engines. Eight traveling salesmen cover a wide territory, where the company's product finds a large demand and ready sale. Mr. Shellabarger has impressed his associates as a man of marked capacity and has a wide acquaintance in business circles of Dayton, where his standing is high. He is an active member of the Greater Dayton Association and fraternizes with the Masons as a Scottish Rite, thirty-second degree, and a Shriner. Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Shellabarger was Miss Olive Good, daughter of George W. Good, of Clayton, Ohio. She and her husband are the parents of one son: George D. He is also a member of Dayton Canoe club.

Archie Sherer. Belonging to that class of men who have risen to positions of marked prominence in the commercial world solely through the medium of their own efforts, Archie Sherer is now junior member of the office supplies firm of the Davis & Sherer company. This business, founded in 1907, has enjoyed a remarkable success during the period of its existence, and its marked prosperity may be accredited in no small degree to the energy, enthusiasm and inherent ability of the junior partner. Mr. Sherer was born at Delaware, Ohio, July 30, 1885, a son of Henry F. Sherer. His father, who brought the family to Dayton from Delaware in 1898, was for some time connected in a mechanical capacity with the Platt Iron works, but for several years has been connected with the firm of Davis & Sherer. After attending the schools of his native place, as well as those of Dayton, Archie Sherer secured a

position with the Dayton News company. The youth early evidenced ambition, fidelity and industry, and during the time he remained with his first employers made rapid advancement. When, after five years of service, he left that concern, it was to accept a more advantageous position with W. W. Kile & Co., with whom he remained for a like period of time. It was while he was connected with that concern that he met Albert Davis, and the two young men decided at once that their ambitions were the same and that their tastes were congenial. This understanding eventually brought about the establishing of the firm of the Davis & Sherer company. The business was founded as a partnership in January, 1907, for the handling of office furniture and fixtures and steel shop equipment. Well-directed energy and sound business principles were applied to the management by the partners and the business flourished commensurately, so that four years after its organization the business was incorporated May 9, 1911, for $5,000, with Albert Davis as president, and Archie Sherer, secretary and treasurer, the house at that time being located at No. 208 S. Ludlow street. In February, 1913, the capital of the company was increased to $15,000, with the same officers, and the establishment moved its headquarters to its present location at No. 113 S. Ludlow street, where their capital stock was increased to $50,000. In 1915 it was decided to experiment in the field of manufacturing some of the articles handled, and after two years this was accounted a success and the company, in 1917, built its own warehouse at Nos. 20 and 22 Shaume street. The concern now employs twenty-two people, and six traveling salesmen take orders in a territory covering a radius of fifty miles from Dayton. The product of the Davis & Sherer company has met with a constantly growing demand, and the straightforward principles followed by the company has secured for it due recognition among business men and customers. Mr. Sherer is a capable and resourceful business man, and is identified with a number of business and civic bodies, among them the Builders' exchange, the Credit Men's association and the Chamber of Commerce. He belongs also to the Y. M. C. A., the Junior Order United American Mechanics and the Knights of Pythias.

Carl J. Sherer, one of Dayton's well known business men, is a man full of the vigor of youth and concerted energy and action. Just past his thirtieth birthday, Mr. Sherer occupies a prominent position in busines circles as treasurer of the Dayton Metal Products company and of the Dayton-Wright Airplane company and Wright Field company, and the success which has attended his activities in all of these positions would seem to indicate that the decision that led to his choice for these offices was by no means an unwise one. Mr. Sherer is a Dayton man by nativity, education, business training and experience. He was born February 18, 1889, a son of William J. Sherer, and his early education came from the public schools. Subsequently he attended St. Mary's college, and the Jacobs Commercial college of this city, and in 1910 became an accountant for the Speedwell Automobile company, with which concern he remained until 1915. In that year he entered the Dayton Metal Products company as accountant, and was subsequently made

assistant treasurer, and finally took his present position, that of treasurer of the concern. In the meantime he had become identified with the Dayton-Wright Airplane company, of which he was duly elected treasurer, a position which carries with it also the duties of treasurer of the Wright Field company. He is a young man of undoubted ability, and is a consistent member of the Holy Angels Catholic church and also a member of the Knights of Columbus, in addition to which he belongs to several civic and social bodies.

John Q. Sherman, president of the Standard Register company, belongs to that class of young business men of Dayton who have come to the forefront in recent years. He was born at Franklin, Ohio, April 17, 1887, a son of John M. and Bridget Q. Sherman, the former a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, and the latter of Newton, Mass. His father, who for years was engaged in paper manufacturing at Dayton, is now living in retirement after a most successful career. Mr. Sherman's education was secured in the public schools of Middletown, Ohio, where the family lived during his boyhood, and as a lad he determined upon his career and served a five-year apprenticeship to the moulder's trade in the American foundry, at Hamilton, Ohio. When his trade was completed he decided that he needed further business training before entering upon his career, and accordingly took a course in Nelson's Business college, at Cincinnati. Coming at that time to Dayton, he secured employment with a real estate firm, with which he continued to be identified until May, 1912, when he assisted in the organization of the Standard Register company. This business was founded by John C. Shea, president, and Theodore Shermer, vice-president. Located in the Callahan Power building the concern was incorporated for $100,000 for the manufacture of manifolding registers and printed supplies for same. In February, 1914, John C. Shea was appointed receiver, and the control of the business passed at that time to John Q. Sherman, who became president and general manager, and W. C. Sherman, who became secretary and treasurer. The capital remained at $100,000. In 1917 the company built the new plant at Albany street and the Big Four railroad, where there is floor space of 30,000 square feet available and where all conditions and equipment are modern in every particular. The company manufactures manifolding registers, wherein two or more copies may be made, and the printed supplies for same, automatic electrically controlled machines, and a typewriter for using roll stationery in manifold copies, keeping in alignment with each copy, this latter a great labor-saving device and a most wonderful machine. During the war the plant was engaged 70 per cent in war production. Eighty people are employed in the factory, and there are thirty traveling salesmen on the road, covering territory in the United States and Canada. During the past three and one-half years the plant has been operating twenty-four hours daily, and the concern in 1919 made preparations to increase its capacity 50 per cent. In the management of this business Mr. Sherman has been alert to opportunities and has kept a close watch on the needs of the business of the country and thus has kept fully abreast of competition and built up his trade to imposing proportions. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and

has a number of business connections, holds membership in the Kiwanis club and the Knights of Columbus, and belongs to Corpus Christi Catholic church. He was married June 5, 1917, to Katharine Neary, a daughter of John M. and Katharine Neary, of Kokomo, Ind., and to this union there has been born one son: John Neary.

William C. Sherman, vice-president of The Standard Register company, of Dayton, is a man whose aggressiveness and keen grasp of business problems have brought him up from a subordinate position to his present connection with one of the city's leading concerns. He was born at Excello, Ohio, January 28, 1884, a son of John M. and Bridget Q. Sherman. After completing his public school training at Excello, Mr. Sherman took a business course at Holy Trinity Commercial college at Middletown, Ohio. His first business experience was gained as a stenographer for the American Machinery & Foundry company, of Hamilton, Ohio, and he held that position and was also bookkeeper for the concern for five years, leaving in 1906 to go into the treasury department of the National Cash Register company for five years. Making another change, Mr. Sherman became private secretary to Mr. C. G. Stoddard, of the Stoddard-Dayton company, and held that responsible position for three years, leaving to accept an offer from the Standard Register company, of Dayton, to take charge of their Cincinnati office as district sales agent, but he was shortly thereafter recalled to Dayton to become assistant city purchasing agent under Fowler S. Smith. After eighteen months of efficient service in this capacity, he resigned to become vice-president of his present company, and is still discharging the responsibilities of that position. Mr. Sherman belongs to Sacred Heart Catholic church and the Knights of Columbus connected with that parish. He is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis club and the Dayton Branch of the National Purchasing Agents' association, and is a director of the last named organization. Without any financial backing, and rising solely on account of merit and not because of undue influence exerted by powerful friends, Mr. Sherman's career is remarkable because he so forcibly emphasizes that this is the age of the young man, and that provided he is willing to exert himself and bring to bear upon his various duties an intelligent comprehension of their value, he will be not only permitted, but encouraged, to rise in the business world, and to constantly enlarge the scope of his opportunities for advancement.

Franklin Lloyd Shively, M. D. From the time he took up his professional labors at Dayton, in 1915, Dr. Franklin Lloyd Shively has won the confidence and support of a large clientele, and has demonstrated the possession of exhaustive professional knowledge and firm, reliable traits of character. He comes of a family of which much might reasonably be expected, and his early environment was such as to develop the traits of his best nature. Born at Dayton, August 24, 1887, he secured his early education in the public schools, and after graduating from high school commenced to prepare himself for a career in his chosen calling. His medical studies were prosecuted in the Northwestern Medical college, Chicago, from which he was graduated with his degree of Doctor of Medicine with

the class of 1913, and following this became an interne in St. Luke's hospital, where he remained two years. With this preparation he returned to Dayton in 1915 and began the practice of medicine and surgery. He has attracted to himself a most desirable professional business and maintains well-appointed offices at No. 923 W. Third street. Doctor Shively belongs to the Montgomery County Medical society, the Ohio State Medical society and the American Medical association, and enjoys an excellent reputation in the ranks of his calling. He also retains membership in the Nu Sigma Nu medical fraternity and the Sigma Nu literary fraternity, and is a Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner, in addition to holding membership in the Miami Valley Golf club. September 10, 1912, Doctor Shively was united in marriage with Letta May Spreng, of Dayton, and they are the parents of two children: Franklin Lloyd, jr., and Justine Maribeth.

John H. Shively. In the respect that is accorded men who have won their own way through to success is found an unconscious recognition of the intrinsic worth of a character which can not only endure such a test but can gain new strength through the discipline. The profession of law at Dayton is represented by many men who owe their success solely to their own efforts and many of these have been accorded recognition almost before the bloom of youth has left their cheeks. Prominent in this class is found John H. Shively, who has not only attained distinction as a member of the Dayton bar, but who has rendered Montgomery county valuable and faithful service in the position of chief deputy sheriff. Mr. Shively is a native of this county, having been born on a farm in Jefferson township October 25, 1892, his father, Conrad Shively being one of the industrious and respected agriculturists of that community. He was reared as were most farmers' sons of his day, dividing his time between helping on the home farm and attending the district school, and when his primary education was completed he took a course at the Jefferson Township High school, from which he was duly graduated. Mr. Shively possessed ambitions for the law, and for one year studied for his profession in the office of Judge R. C. Patterson, of Dayton. With this preparation he entered the Cincinnati Law school, where he was a member of the graduating class of 1915. So rapid had been his progress, however, that he took and successfully passed the examination for admittance to the bar in June, 1914, and at that time began practice in the office of Judge Patterson. Not long after his graduation from the law school Mr. Shively was appointed deputy sheriff under Sheriff E. J. Leo, and continued in that capacity until the election of Sheriff W. C. Oldt, in 1917, at which time he was made chief deputy, which is his present post. Both as a lawyer and in the performance of his official duties he has impressed the people favorably and his advancement in his profession and in public confidence has been consistent and consecutive. Mr. Shively belongs to the Montgomery County Bar association, the Ohio State Bar association and the American Bar association. He is interested in fraternal work, belonging to the Masons, the Ormus Grotto and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and belongs also to the Gem City Democratic club, being accounted one

of the strong and active young members of his party here. His energetic nature has caused him to ally himself with progressive movements, both political and civic, and to offer his services wherever constructive work has been needed. Mr. Shively was married May 26, 1917, to Miss Dorothy Gerstner, daughter of Herman Gerstner, of Dayton.

R. Sherman Shonk, secretary of the Dayton Steel Construction company and one of the younger business men of Dominant Dayton, has risen to his present position solely through his own initiative and resource. Mr. Shonk was born at Germantown, Montgomery county, Ohio, December 12, 1887, a son of David M. and Mary E. (Smith) Shonk. He was still a child when brought to Dayton by his father, who followed the tinsmith trade all his life and is now deceased, and his early education was acquired in the public schools. Following this he had the added advantages of attending technical schools at Chicago, and it was in that city that he had his first business experience, being employed for a time by the engineering firm of Ritter & Mott. Upon his return to Dayton he became associated with Albert Pretzinger, an architect, with whom he remained one year, then resigning to accept the position of chief engineer with the Dayton Steel Construction company, of which he became secretary in December, 1916. This concern, which previously had been the American Fence and Forge company, was established in October, 1909, at which time it was incorporated for $25,000, with the following officials: C. E. Foreman, president; Pearl Sigler, vice-president; A. M. Klepinger, treasurer; and P. M. Klepinger, secretary. The old plant was located at the corner of W. Third street and the Pennsylvania railway, but this proved entirely inadequate for the needs of the concern, which, in 1912, moved to the present location, at the corner of Howell and Wilber streets. The officers at that time were: A. M. Klepinger, president; Pearl Sigler, vice-president, and P. M. Klepinger, secretary and treasurer. In December, 1916, greatly increased business and other reasons made it advisable that there be a reorganization of the company, and at the election A. M. Klepinger was elected president and treasurer; Roger Lint, vice-president, and R. Sherman Shonk, secretary, and these are the present officers. The business of this concern consists of the manufacture and fabrication of structural steel for building and bridge purposes, and twenty-five men are employed. The territory covers a radius of sixty miles during normal times, but during the last six months of the war period the company was engaged 100 per cent in war production. The Dayton Steel Construction company enjoys an excellent reputation, and this is shared by its secretary, who, at an early age, has made his mark. Mr. Shonk is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner, and as a public-spirited citizen belongs to the Greater Dayton association, in the work of which he takes an active part. He was married September 7, 1915, to Ann E. Thomson, daughter of John S. Thomson, of Waynesville, Ohio.

Joel O. Shoup. The number and importance of the various industries and enterprises with which the name of Joel O. Shoup, of Dayton, has been linked in the past, establish without the semblance

of a doubt his right to be numbered among the successful men of those who have centered their activities in this city, thereby contributing materially to its prestige. Practically the entire period of Mr. Shoup's business career has been passed at Dayton, where he has a substantially established reputation in commercial and industrial circles, and where he is now president of the Dayton Ice Manufacturing and Cold Storage company. Mr. Shoup was born at Davenport, Iowa, July 15, 1859, a son of Joel O. Shoup the elder, and was a child when brought to Dayton, Ohio, where his early education was completed in the public schools. He grew up studious and with a great love for books, and these qualities caused him to be chosen as the first law librarian of Montgomery county, a position which he held for a number of years. His first business was the organization of the Dayton Paper Novelty company, a venture which proved successful, but which he relinquished in 1884 when elected recorder of Montgomery county, a capacity in which he acted efficiently for two terms or six years, making an excellent official record. During this period he became associated with Terrence Hoffman in the ownership and conduct of the Beckel house, of which he was one of the proprietors for several years. When he disposed of his hotel interests at Dayton he became one of the incorporators and was made manager of the Chittenden hotel at Columbus, and this position also gave him an opportunity of displaying his business talents and energy. Returning to Dayton he embarked in the contracting business as J. O. Shoup & Company, developing an excellent patronage along this line through his inherent abilities, and subsequently centered the greater part of his attention in the leaf tobacco business, a field in which he also met with marked success, in the latter being a member of the firm of Shoup & Winters, from which he has but recently retired. His principal energies are now given to the success and development of the Dayton Ice Manufacturing and Cold Storage company, of which large and important concern he is now president, and which, under his management, is growing and extending its scope rapidly and consistently. Mr. Shoup is a consistent member of Christ Episcopal church. He is a Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner, and belongs to the Dayton club, the Buz Fuz club and the Dayton Country club. He is an active worker in and valued member of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce and the local Y. M. C. A. His energy and progressiveness make him a constructive factor in civic enterprises and he has figured largely in successful campaigns for the betterment of the Miami valley metropolis. February 25, 1886, Mr. Shoup was united in matrimony with Carrie Ella, daughter of Jacob Bunsline, and a resident of Dayton, and to this union has been born one daughter: Dorothy, who is the wife of Walter Smith Carr, of this city.

Clement L. Shroyer. Experience has taught that frequently the man who has followed an agricultural life during the formative and active years of his life makes a better citizen when he is able to retire from these labors and devote himself to a consideration of civic affairs. His long hours alone, following the plow, or reaping the harvest his hands have planted and developed, teach him many things unknown to the individual whose life has been spent in the

busy marts. Hours of contemplation of nature and study of her lessons fit the farmer for conservative, consecutive action when he is called upon to discharge the duties of public office. Also his success in an agricultural field gives him standing in a community where prosperity and advancement depend largely upon the progress of the farmers. Among the public officials of Montgomery county, one whose career has been largely spent upon the farm and who is now proving the possession of excellent executive ability, is Clement L. Shroyer, a member of the board of county commissioners. Mr. Shroyer is a Montgomery county man by birth, education and training. His birthplace was a farm in Van Buren township, where he first saw the light of day December 19, 1861, his father being David Shroyer, also a native of that county, and his grandfather, John Shroyer, one of the earliest settlers of this region, who came from the east and assisted in blazing the trail for those to come afterward. David Shroyer followed in the footsteps of his pioneer father, adopting agriculture as his means of livlihood when he attained his manhood, and rounded out an industrious and successful career as a tiller of the soil. Clement L. Shroyer was brought up as a farmer boy and his boyhood and youth were practically identical with those of other farmer's boys of his neighborhood and day. He attended the township schools of Van Buren to secure his education and was given his training under the supervision of his father. Content to remain on the homestead instead of exchanging that life for the more strenuous one of the city, he remained with his father until the elder man's retirement, when he bought the old home property and continued operations thereon. Mr. Shroyer made numerous improvements on his property and his energy and good management served to bring him success from his activities, so that he became a prominent man of his locality. Naturally he was interested in local public affairs, and after serving in several minor offices was, in 1916, elected a member of the board of county commissioners of Montgomery county, to represent Van Buren township. He has established an excellent record as an official and has carefully looked after the interests of his township while at the same time advancing the general welfare of the county. Mr. Shroyer, with the members of his family, belong to the United Presbyterian church, of Sugar Creek, near his country home. He married Miss Rose A. Bradford, the estimable daughter of Robert Bradford. Mr. Bradford, also formerly an agriculturist of Van Buren township, is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Shroyer are the parents of one daughter: Mary, who is now the wife of Austin Morris, of Dayton.

Franklin I. Shroyer, M. D. Without exception there is no profession to which individuals may devote their energies more dignified in its ethics or more reasonably helpful to the world than that of medicine. Similar claims are made by the church and the law, but they, while essentially true enough, are based on other foundations. The healing art demands of its real followers that natural reverence for the dignity of the human body that commands the exercise of all the skill that years of study and training have brought to them, to cure its ills. The scientific discoveries of the profession have not only eased the bed of former torture but have found the cure for

almost every bodily affliction. Justly is this noble profession in the forefront. Methods may differ, systems may not be quite alike, and personality count for much, but the aim and principle remain the same. Among the members of the medical profession practicing at Dayton is Dr. Franklin I. Shroyer, whose skill and faithfulness, together with his determined hopefulness and cheerfulness, have made his services valued, especially in the field of gynecology and abdominal surgery, in which he specializes and in which he has already gained an extensive and enviable reputation, both in and outside of his profession. Doctor Shroyer was born on a farm in Bethel township, Miami county, Ohio, April 20, 1886, a son of John W. Shroyer, who has for many years been an agriculturist in that township, where he is the owner of large and valuable property. The paternal grandfather, John Jacob Shroyer, came from Maryland to Ohio and located on what is now Shroyer road, at a point near the East Oakwod Community club. The youth grew up on the home farm, and while attending the public schools of Bethel township assisted his father. However, after graduating from the high school he was attracted to a professional career, and accordingly, after some preparation, was sent to the Ohio Medical college at Columbus, being graduated from that competent institution in 1910. At that time he became an interne at the Miama Valley hospital, Dayton, and discharged the duties of that position for one year. He next began the general practice of medicine at Troy, Ohio, in association with Dr. C. E. McCullough, but came to the conclusion that he needed further preparation and that his future lay in specializing instead of endeavoring to make headway in the ranks, already crowded, of general practitioners. After a special course of study at Johns Hopkins College of Medicine he took further post-graduate work at Bellevue hospital, New York, and in December, 1917, once more came to Dayton, this time to remain permanently. He has since confined himself to the practice of gynecology and abdominal surgery, with offices in the Reibold building, and despite the comparatively short period of his presence at Dayton has already built up a large and important clientele. Doctor Shroyer, while still a young man, has displayed abilities of a nature that promise to carry him ere long to a distinguished place in his profession. He is a member of the Alpha Pi Omega fraternity at Columbus, and belongs to the Miami County Medical society, the Ohio State Medical society, the Montgomery County Medical society and the American Medical association. His fraternal connections include membership in the local lodges of the Masons and Odd Fellows, and with his family he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. Doctor Shroyer was married September 2, 1917, to Miss Mary Anna Barbara Josse, the daughter of Mrs. Minna C. Josse, of Troy, Ohio.

George W. Shroyer. Established in 1894 in a modest manner, during the quarter of a century that it has been in existence the business which bears the name of George W. Shroyer has developed into one of Dayton's leading establishments for the sale of sporting goods, its principal feature at this time being the handling of automobiles. Mr. Shroyer is a product of the farming community of Montgomery county, Ohio, having been born in Van Buren township

September 26, 1865, a son of Andrew J. and Mary (Oakes) Shroyer. His paternal grandfather was John Shroyer, who came to Dayton from Maryland at an early day and bought land on the present site of Carmontte, and subsequently assisted in the building of the canal. His son, Andrew J. Shroyer, was born on the Cincinnati pike, near Carmontte, and became a farmer of that locality, but in his later years turned his attention to commercial pursuits and for a long period was engaged in the implement business at Dayton. He died about the year 1912. He was a Democrat and a Mason and belonged to the Reformed church, as did also Mrs. Shroyer, who was born in Montgomery county and died when her son George W. was about ten or twelve years old. There were five children in the family; Edward, deceased; Oliver H., of Dayton; Clark, deceased; George W. and Charles, of Dayton. George W. Shroyer received his education in the public schools and worked on the farm until he was sixteen years of age, at which time he joined his father in the implement business. Thus he became identified with this line of endeavor, and eventually went on the road as a traveling salesman for the Minneapolis binders, and later for the McCormick binders, and continued in the same field until 1894. In that year he embarked in a modest way in the bicycle business on W. Fifth street, and later moved to 106 N. Main street. When he made this removal he enlarged his line to include all kinds of sporting goods, his business having increased materially under his skilled and energetic management. Realizing the trend of the times, Mr. Shroyer finally entered the automobile business, and now has one of the city's principal houses of this kind, located from 1 to 9 E. Second street, and from 102 to 106 N. Main street. He now employs about thirty-five people, with two traveling salesmen, and the territory includes a radius of 100 miles surrounding Dayton. Mr. Shroyer maintains an automobile service station, as well as a magneto and bicycle service station, is a general agent for several of the leading makes of automobiles, and carries a full line of accessories of all kinds. In the building up of his large and successful business he has displayed good judgment, foresight and abundant perseverance and industry, and during his career has made his name one well known and highly honored in business circles of the city. In his political attitude Mr. Shroyer is independent, reserving the right to choose his own candidates, irrespective of party connections. With his family, he belongs to the First Reformed church. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and a Shriner, belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Elks, and holds membership in the Rotary, Eagles, Bicycle, Dayton and Country clubs. Mr. Shroyer married Miss Fannie R. Joyce, daughter of Jacob O. and Josephine (Ingles) Joyce, of Dayton, and they have three children: Hazel, who is the wife of F. J. Blose, of Dayton; George Clifford, who was with the Thirteenth Aero Squadron in France during the world war and was a sergeant in rank, and Thelma, who resides with her parents.

Ray S. Shuey. Another of the native sons of Dayton who have worked their way rapidly to the front in business affairs is Ray S. Shuey, secretary of the Burnett-Larsh company. In this age of twentieth-century progressiveness things move rapidly and

individuals are compelled to keep constantly on the go in order not to fall behind in the procession. Perhaps that is why there are found so many young men in positions of responsibility, for the opportunities are practically the same as in former years, at least they are not changed sufficiently to explain the phenomena. Mr. Shuey has won his place fairly, is entitled to it, and has capably discharged his duties, so that in his case it may be said that his advancement is the reward of merit. He was born at Dayton, August 26, 1893, a son of R. T. Shuey. His father has long been one of the honored and respected business men of Dayton, where he has been identified with a number of prominent enterprises, principally in the lumber industry, and at this time is a partner in the Gem City Planing Mill and Lumber company of this city. Ray S. Shuey was educated in the public schools of Dayton, a graduate of Steele High school and of Saint Mary's college, from which he was duly graduated. He next took a business course at the Miami-Jacobs Business college, and his first position was with the Gem City Planing Mill and Lumber company, with which he was connected two years. Subsequently, for a like period, he was with the Hoffritz Sales company, and in 1916 resigned his position with that concern to accept the tendered offer of the secretaryship of the Burnett-Larsh company, which had been newly formed. He has since acted in this capacity and has firmly established himself in the confidence of his associates. Mr. Shuey was married May 10, 1913, to Miss Elsa Hoffritz, daughter of the late Charles Hoffritz, of Dayton, and to this union there have been born two children: Charles R. and Edward W.

Rev. W. J. Shuey, a prominent clergyman, religious writer, able business man and exemplary citizen of Dayton, whose active ministry in the United Brethren church body covered many years and was productive of great results, was distinguished in his early ministry because of his zeal and spiritual gifts, by appointment as missionary to Africa, the first minister in this religious body to be so honored. Dr. Shuey was born at Miamisburg, Ohio, February 9, 1827, son of Adam and Hannah (Aley) Shuey. He had common school and academic training at Springfield, Ohio, and reared in the United Brethren church, he united with the same in 1843, studied for the ministry, received his license to preach in 1848, and served as pastor of the church at Lewisburg, Ohio, from 1849 to 1851, in the latter year being ordained by Bishop Erb. He served the church at Cincinnati from 1851 to 1859, and at Dayton was pastor from 1860 to 1862. While at Cincinnati he was appointed in 1854 the first missionary of his church to Africa and in 1855, in company with Rev. D. K. Flickinger and Dr. D. C. Kumler, went to that far off field. From 1862 to 1864, Dr. Shuey served as presiding elder, the able administration of this office calling attention to his executive ability so forcibly, that in 1864 he was appointed assistant agent of the United Brethren Publishing house at Dayton, becoming sole agent in 1866. He served in this position until 1897. After four years work as financial manager of the Union Biblical seminary of his denomination, he retired from active business life. He continued as an officer of a number of business

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and civic societies of this city, until 1914, when at the age of eighty-eight he finally retired to lead a quiet life at home, honored by all who knew him. A man of scholarship, travel and experience, Dr. Shuey has been an uplifting force with his pen as well as in the pulpit and the literature of his church has been enriched by his writings. In 1848 Mr. Shuey married Miss Sarah Berger, of Springfield, Ohio. Two of their sons are well-known business men of Dayton: Edwin L., for years had charge of the book department of the United Brethren Publishing house, and has since been connected with large business enterprises; and William A., formerly book editor of the above publishing house.

John William Siegfried, D. D. S. One of the most prominent among the various branches of professional knowledge upon which civilized humanity is more or less dependent for the maintenance of healthful conditions and for exemption from physical distress is the science of dental surgery. Careless habits of living and indulgence in articles of food and drink which are detrimental to organs of the body and in those which are injurious to the teeth, are so general that in all communities good dental practitioners are indispensable factors. But, as in medicine and surgery, the science of dentistry is constantly developing new phases of usefulness, and in order to insure success, the dentist of today must keep fully abreast of the latest achievements in his profession. He must add skill to thorough research and combine close application to his task with the ability gained through experience. Such a practitioner of this art is Dr. John William Siegfried, of Dayton, who in addition to carrying on a general practice is a specialist in the use of the X-ray in connection with his calling. Doctor Siegfried was born at Springboro, Warren county, Ohio, August 13, 1884, a son of William H. and Mary E. (Hobson) Siegfried. He received his early education in the public schools, and, having decided upon a career in dentistry, entered the University of Cincinnati, where he pursued a full course and graduated with the degree of D. D. S. in the class of 1907. He began practice at Cincinnati, where he remained for three years, then taking up his headquarters at Dayton, where he has since remained. His well-appointed offices are located in the Dayton Savings and Trust company building, where his modern equipment includes every appliance known to the science, including a complete X-ray machine. In this latter connection Doctor Siegfried has spent much time in study and research, and his work in this difficult and important field has gained him something more than a local reputation and standing in his calling, as an expert and specialist. The recognition by his fellow-practitioners of his fine talents in his chosen field, as well as to his personal integrity, has led to his being tendered a number of honors, and at this time he occupies the position of president of the Miami Valley Dental society. He is also a member of the Ohio State Dental association and of the American Dental association. He is affiliated with the college fraternity of Delta Sigma Delta, and is prominent in Masonry, being a charter member and past master of Stillwater Lodge, of Dayton, a Chapter Mason and a Scottish Rite Mason; and belongs to the

Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also holds membership in the Dayton City club, and has several civic connections, among them the Chamber of Commerce and the Y. M. C. A. He has been successful in a material way during the period of his practice at Dayton, and has gained the confidence and respect of an extensive patronage. Doctor Siegfried was married May 28, 1914, to Miss Ruth Moser Halteman, of Dayton, daughter of Elza and Stella (Moser) Halteman of this city. They are members of the First Reformed church.

D. Earl Siler. In every line of business certain conditions call for special qualities of mind and character, in order that the best abilities of an individual be brought forth. It may be that all are born equal; yet surroundings, circumstances, aids and disadvantages cause a difference to develop that marks the distinctive line between the man of large achievements and he whose accomplishments remain with the mediocre. There are many who aver that in the smaller communities there are better opportunities for the development of the personal element, the man of the small town coming personally into touch with his associates, realizing the crying needs of his fellow-men, and feeling for each one a more or less personal regard that urges him onward to exert himself for the public weal. However, in the great centers of population, while individuality may be somewhat cramped and finds expression in masses rather than single, there is still a chance for the man of intelligence to insert the personal note into his dealings. Doubtless the best results secured in such instances are by the men who know how to advance their personal interests as well, for the man of successful operation of his own affairs is one that has the foresight and experience that enables him to act efficiently for the general welfare. In the field of real estate and insurance, the city of Dayton can boast of one man who eminenty belongs to this class of desirable citizens, D. Earl Siler, of the Siler-Pieper agency. He has been the architect of his own fortune, and since coming to Dayton in 1902 has had a career marked by unusual and convincing success. Mr. Siler was born in Preble county, O., December 27, 1882, a son of David A. Siler, who for many years followed agricultural pursuits there. His boyhood and youth were passed on the home farm and his education secured in the public schools, but his real career began when he came to Dayton in 1902, at that time securing a position with the Traxler company. He remained in the employ of that concern, however, for only a short period, then transferring his services to the Atlantic and Pacific Tea company. Subsequently, he was employed by the Canby, Ach & Canby company, leaving them to embark upon his own venture. For several years Mr. Siler had been interested in real estate, merely as a small investor, but he had the judgment to foresee that Dayton's realty interests were to take a big jump, and he decided to enter the business as a broker. In October, 1916, therefore, he began handling real estate, principally city properties, of which he still makes a specialty, and after this added all kinds of insurance, fire, automobile, life, burglary, plate glass, accident and health. Subsequently he entered into a partnership with George H. Pieper,

under the firm style of the Siler-Pieper agency, and they now represent the following insurance companies: American Eagle Fire Insurance Co., of New York; Mercantile Fire Insurance Co. of America, New York; Standard Fire Insurance Co., of Hartford; Philadelphia Life; Continental Casualty Co., of Chicago, and Republic Casualty Co. of Pittsburgh. The offices of the concern are at 686-687 Reibold building. Mr. Siler has interested himself in a number of movements which have contributed to Dayton's development and is considered a public-spirited and energetic citizen, while in realty circles his name stands for integrity and honorable dealing. He was married August 8, 1906, to Miss Grace A. Edmon, of Warren county, O., and they have one daughter: Dorothy Lucile, at home.

Charles Harries Simms. A member of one of Dayton's old, honored and prominent families, Charles Harries Simms has business and financial connections which place him among the leading citizens of his native community. He was born at Dayton, March 15, 1867, a son of William Henry and Emma (Harries) Simms, and grandson of Capt. Alexander Simms, a canal boat captain, who, born in Maryland, became an early resident of Dayton, where he spent the remainder of his life. William Henry Simms was born at Dayton on the present site of the Beckel house, and was educated in the Catholic schools of this city, Oxford public schools, and Miami university. In the latter institution he took his degree in law, but while he was admitted to the bar never engaged in practice, although his legal knowledge was of great benefit to him in the important business and financial activities which engrossed his busy life. He became president of the Dayton National bank, in which he still holds a directorship, and president of the Third Street Car Line, and at present has large and valuable real estate holdings, although he is retired from active participation in business affairs. He belongs to the Dayton City club. There were two sons in the family: Charles Harries; and William Alexander, who is deceased. Charles H. Simms attended the public schools of Dayton and Professor Dever's private school, and after pursuing a course in Williston seminary, East Hampton, Mass., entered Harvard university in the class of 1890. The following two years were spent at Asheville, N. C., and one year was passed in California, Mr. Simms then returning to Dayton, where he purchased the Dayton News and later the Dayton Times. He soon disposed of the latter, but conducted the News until 1898 when he sold it to present Gov. James M. Cox. In 1899 Mr. Simms was chosen a director of the Commission to the Paris, France Exposition of 1900, remaining abroad in this position for two years, and upon his return to the United States located at Chicago, where he was engaged as a bond salesman for Harris, Gates & Co. He was also connected with the firm of Shearson & Hammill, in the bond business at Chicago, but eventually returned to Dayton, where he has since been connected with large and important enterprises. At this time he manages the Simms Estate and is vice-president of the First National bank of Osborn, Ohio, and a director of the Dayton Street Railway company. Mr. Simms is a member of the Miami Valley

Golf and Dayton Country clubs. September 1, 1898, Mr. Simms married Buda Mae, daughter of Ferdinand W. and Tilla (Spalding) Peck, of Chicago, and to this union there have been born two children: Charlotte M. and Alexander, both of whom reside with their parents.

Herbert R. Simonds. Of the many manufacturing houses of Dayton, one which has enjoyed an honorable standing and marked prestige for a period of forty-five years, is the concern of A. A. Simonds & Son Co. Established in 1873, it has grown and developed with the growth and development of Dayton, keeping pace with the various advancements made and at all times adhering to a policy of honorable and straightforward business methods. Herbert R. Simonds, president of this concern, is the second generation to represent the business in this capacity. He was born at Fitchburg, Mass., and was ten months old when brought to Dayton by his father, Alvan A. Simonds. The elder man, who had been connected with manufacturing in the city of Fitchburg, changed his scene of activities to Dayton in 1873, in which year he became the founder of the present business, then known as A. A. Simonds. The plant, located on River street, was equipped for the manufacturing of planing machine knives, and under the strong and skilled guidance of its founder soon developed into a prosperous business. It became A. A. Simonds & Son in 1895, when the elder man was joined by his son, Herbert R., and in the following year the father died, although the business has continued to carry his name and prestige and to follow the policy which had made him successful. Herbert R. Simonds received his early education in the public schools of Dayton, and after a due preparatory course entered Harvard university, from which institution he was graduated in 1895 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Returning to Dayton, he became associated with his father's business, and when the elder man died took his place as the nominal head of the concern. In 1904 the business was incorporated as the A. A. Simonds & Son Co., with H. R. Simonds, president; E. S. Smith, vice-president; and C. S. Gardner, secretary, but since that time F. R. Henry has succeeded Mr. Gardner in the position of secretary. The present plant, which covers about four acres at the corner of Summit street and Negley place, was built in 1898. Here there are employed about 100 people, and complete machinery and equipment of every kind is installed for the manufacture of machine knives, bars and plates. In his field of endeavor Mr. Simonds is one of the best known men of Dayton. He is a member of the Engineers' club and of other organizations in the city, and has long been a prominent factor in various beneficial civic movements, while his rating among men of business is that of a keen, shrewd and progressive manufacturer and a man of the highest and strictest integrity. Mr. Simonds married Miss Margaret E. King, daughter of R. N. King, of Dayton, and they are the parents of two children: Harriet and Alvan W., both residing at home.

Harry Smalley. Widely known in newspaper circles in Ohio, Harry Smalley, editor and proprietor of the Germantown Press, has been identified with this weekly publication since 1892 and has

built it up into a fine paying property. In his business life Mr. Smalley has had no divided interests, having been connected with the printing trade since boyhood. He was born at Springboro, in Warren county, Ohio, February 22, 1865, son of Joseph B. and Clementine (Haller) Smalley. After completing his public school course he entered the printing office of the Franklin Chronicle, at Franklin, Ohio. There he completed his trade education and continued until he became interested in the Germantown Press. This newspaper was established in 1874, by F. D. Harkrider, who was succeeded by his son, Edward Harkrider, who continued in charge until Mr. Smalley purchased the property in 1892. During the more than quarter century that he has conducted the Press, Mr. Smalley has made it a vigorous force in Montgomery county, almost a necessary weekly visitor in the majority of intelligent homes, and a leading factor in Republican politics. Mr. Smalley's editorials are well considered and his views clearly set forth and the Press is a fair exponent of Montgomery county feeling in regard to Montgomery county, with no exclusion of outside matters of interest. Mr. Smalley is a valued member of the Germantown Boosters club, of which he is chairman. June 4, 1893, he married Isa, daughter of David and Mary (Keedy) Eminger, of Germantown, Ohio, and they have the following children: Elizabeth, who is a resident of Denver, Colorado, was an army nurse during the Great War, enlisting in February, 1918; Mary Kathryn, who is the wife of Homer Sebald, of Middletown, Ohio; Almos E., who served in the Marine Corps, at Brest, France, during the Great War; and Lillian, Lucie and Harriet, all of whom are at home. Mr. Smalley has served for two years as a member of the board of education at Germantown. He is a member of Germantown Lodge, No. 257 F. & A. M.

Clement D. Smith, M. D. In the field of medicine, the state of Ohio has long had reason to exalt her sons. She has provided great schools for their scientific instruction in this field, and graduates of them have reached, not only national, but international eminence. Dayton is the home and scene of medical effort of physicians and surgeons who are proud to claim the above alma maters, and one of these, whose successful general practice has covered near twenty years, is Dr. Clement D. Smith. Dr. Smith was born in the university city of Lebanon, Ohio. His early education was that of the ordinary youth in the public schools, through which he passed creditably, then spent two years in the Lebanon university. Following a period of preparatory study, he then entered the medical department of the great Cincinnati university, from which he was graduated in the class of 1901 with his degree of M. D. For nineteen months following Dr. Smith served as interne in the State hospital at Dayton, and then entered into practice in this city, where he has continued alone ever since and has met with most encouraging success. He is a member of the Dayton Academy of Medicine and the county, state and American Medical associations, being held in high esteem by his professional brethren and the public generally. Dr. Smith was married October 22, 1902, to Miss Ella C. Hall, of Dayton, and they have two children, Gladys

L. and Corwin A. For many years active and faithful in Masonic life, Dr. Smith has attained the thirty-second degree in Scottish Rite Masonry and is also a Shriner. Additionally he belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the order of Moose, the order of Ben Hur, the Loyal Fraternal League, the Woodmen of the World, and the Independent Order of Foresters.

Emanuel M. Smith is a man who, as a highly respected citizen and business man of Brookville, needs no especial introduction to the people of western Montgomery county, Ohio. Besides being a general dealer in and manufacturer of harness, Mr. Smith is the secretary of the Brookville Building and Savings association, an important office which he has occupied since 1904. He was born in Miami county, Ohio, December 10, 1861, the eldest of two sons and two daughters born to Cornelius and Elizabeth (Hoover) Smith, and three of the children are living, the others being: Catherine, the wife of Harry B. Marshall, a druggist of Brookville; and Lewis, a mechanic engaged in the manufacture of harness, married, and a resident of Brookville. Cornelius Smith was born near Hagerstown, Md., April 24, 1839, and was still a child when his parents came to Darke county, Ohio, where he was reared and educated. During a long and industrious career he divided his time between agricultural operations and the manufacture of harness, and he now lives in comfortable retirement at Brookville. In his political faith he adheres to the principles and supports the candidates of the Democratic party, while in his religious faith he is a Lutheran. Mrs. Elizabeth (Hoover) Smith was born in Miami county, March 7, 1843, and died December 17, 1868, in the faith of the Dunkard church. Emanuel M. Smith was reared and educated mainly in Darke county, and began to hew out his own destiny at the age of twelve years, his start being on a farm. At the age of fifteen years he had his first suit of Sunday clothes, and when he was seventeen years old he began his apprenticeship to the harness maker's trade with his grandfather near Webster, Darke county, where he was employed two years. He then went to Bradford, Ohio, where he remained three years in the harness manufactory. It is a well-established fact that men who make their influence felt in the world, whose deeds live after them and whose capable forcefulness adds to the prestige of the communities in which they see fit to locate, are those who have had to depend entirely or in large part upon their own resources. The fact that they must stand alone seems to supply the needed stimulus for persistent and continued effort. The lad born with the proverbial silver spoon in his mouth generally begins his career with a heavy handicap. No matter how ambitious he may be, the very fact that there is no actual necessity for his exertions oftentimes hampers him, and in the end takes from him the desire to prove his mettle. On the other hand, the one who knows that if he wants to rise above his surroundings and take his place among the worthwhile men of his generation, he must bend every energy to his task and let no possible opportunity slip by, is the one who develops his abilities and rises from one position of confidence to another. The foregoing as will be noted is applicable to the case of Mr. Smith, who started

at the bottom of the ladder, and who was forced to make his own opportunities and fight his own battles. In 1884, Mr. Smith arrived in Brookville, and here, in a modest way, established his present business, which has grown to reasonable proportions. He has the only establishment of the kind at Brookville, but the entire absence of competition cannot account in whole for his generous prosperity. Some credit must be given to his industry and good management, his absolute integrity and his splendid workmanship. He has an excellent stock of goods, tastefully and attractively arranged, and his policy of being always obliging and courteous to his customers has been another factor in the gaining of his success. Mr. Smith was married October 3, 1885, to Ida B. Thomas, and four daughters have been born to this union: Margie, the wife of Prof. W. K. Gotwald, who holds the chair of history in the Methodist college, at Buckhannon, W. Va., with one son, David K. Mrs. Gotwald, after receiving a good common school education, spent two years in Wittenberg college, and was a successful teacher in Montgomery county for two years. She and her husband are members of the Lutheran church, and Professor Gotwald was at one time a pastor of that denomination. He is a well-educated man, having been formerly a student at Wittenberg college, and spent four years at Johns Hopkins university, from which he holds a fellowship. Mary I., the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, is the wife of Marion Hay, a resident of Dayton, a civil engineer by profession, with two children, Marion and Kathryn J. The family belongs to the Lutheran church. Mrs. Hay had the benefit of a musical education and possessed many accomplishments. Lillian B., the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, had a regular high school training, then spent one year at Goucher college, and a like term at Wittenberg college, and was one of the successful teachers of Montgomery county. She wedded Rev. H. E. Dennwire of Pennsylvania, a graduate of Wittenberg college. She resides at home and is one of the valued members of the Clio, Brookville's exclusive literary society. Kathryn, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, also received a good educational training. She resides with her parents, and is interested in the work of the Lutheran church, of which she is a member. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have every reason to be proud of their daughters, all of whom have had their natural accomplishments furthered by encouragement and developed by the best of training. Mrs. Smith is a native of Montgomery county, Ohio, born December 23, 1866, a daughter of Elam and Susan (Slough) Thomas, the latter of whom still survives. Her father was a Civil war veteran. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Brookville Lutheran church. Politically Mr. Smith is a Republican and cast his first presidential vote for James G. Blaine, since which time he has always advocated the principles of the Republican party. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Brookville Masonic Lodge, No. 596, and of Gem City Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, No. 795, at Dayton. Since 1904, Mr. Smith has occupied the position of secretary of the Brookville Building and Savings association, of which Harry Somers is president and Emanuel Brumbaugh, vice-president. The statement of this con-

cern, issued at the close of business, June 29, 1918, showed the following: Cash on hand and in banks, $13,343.64; loans on real estate mortgage security $902,123.34; loans on pass book and certificate security $5,230; real estate $7,518.38; liberty bonds $1,797.50; deposited in other building and loan associations $10,000.00; deposited in other financial institutions $3,000; total $943,012.86. Liabilities: Running stock $163,021.04; paid up stock $132,750.00; deposits and accrued interest $633,391.48; reserve fund $7,200; undivided profit fund $6,283.34; savings accounts $367.00; total $943,012.86. Mr. Smith is not only a manufacturer of harness, but also keeps a full line of all kinds of traveling bags and is always ready with a geniality and cordiality of manner to wait upon his patrons. Throughout his business career it has been his object to render a faithful, intelligent service to all concerned, and he is recognized as an expert in his line. His greatest pleasure, however, has been found in the home circle, and it is there that he has received appreciation and encouragement that have been of great assistance to him in the achieving of his success. Mr. and Mrs. Smith and their daughters reside in their own home at the corner of Walnut and Hays avenue, where they always welcome their many friends.

Floyd L. Smith. Among the younger generation of business men who have attained success through an intelligent application of their inherent as well as acquired abilities, is Floyd L. Smith, secretary and treasurer of the firm of Marshal & Smith Tool company, of Dayton. He has risen from the bench of a workman to a recognized position in manufacturing circles of the city, where his connections are important and substantial. Born at Springfield, Ohio, February 13, 1889, Mr. Smith was a child when brought by his parents to Dayton, and here his education was acquired in the public schools. After graduating from the Steele high school, with the class of 1907, he entered the National Cash Register company's plant, where he learned the machinist's trade as a tool maker, at which he spent a four and one-half years' apprenticeship. For a time he was employed in the tool room and was advanced to the post of foreman of production, and when he left this concern went to the Delco plant as assistant foreman of the tool room. Later he was with the National Vacuum Machinery company, as tool room foreman, and August 18, 1919, became a member of the firm of Marshal & Smith Tool company, when, with J. L. Marshal, who occupies the position of president of the concern, he bought the plant of the Superior Tool company. This concern had been established some years before, at No. 16 N. Canal street, to manufacture jigs, tools, dies and fixtures, by H. W. Williams, president, and William Watson, secretary and treasurer, the original capital stock being $50,000. In 1917, the business was removed to its present location, at No. 200-206 E. Fifth street, where twenty-five people are employed. During the period of the great war, the company was engaged 100 per cent in government work. The business as conducted by Messrs. Marshal and Smith has a capital stock of $10,000, and is doing an excellent business. Steady advancement has taken place under the new management, and the

concern is rapidly gaining a place of importance in its special line of industry. Mr. Smith is an energetic and capable business man whose past experience has given him a definite knowledge of every branch of the work conducted by the company. He is known to be reliable and possessed of the strictest integrity, and has won the confidence of those with whom he has come into contact. Fraternally, he is affiliated with St. John's Lodge of Masons. August 3, 1915, Mr. Smith married Rachael E., daughter of Abraham Habison, of Dayton, and they have one child: Jack Irwin.

George Bancroft Smith. If there is any one subject which more than all pleases a biographer to light upon it is that of a self-made man. No adventure is so alluring as to make something out of nothing. And the men who have taken themselves as material for psychological laboratory experiment; have put together ingredients of character; laid pressure on and here and there energetically reacted to stimuli and come out a finished product have made distinct contribution to the world's assets. As financial representative of Colonel E. A. Deeds and Mr. Charles F. Kettering, George B. Smith is such a man. He has other lines of enterprise which prove his standing; they are secretary and treasurer of the Domestic Building company; treasurer of the Moraine Development company; president and treasurer of the Moraine Park School company; secretary and treasurer of the Dayton Research Laboratories company; and assistant general manager of the Flexible Side Car company. His is a nature that the community finds it profitable to make constant use of. Innumerable committees have sat under his chairmanship; innumerable public banquets have been carried on by his acceptable toastmastership; a long line of social service enterprises have owned to his initiation and guidance and the Reformed church feels always and constantly the force of his helpful teaching inspiration. A voluminous writer, Mr. Smith has contributed to periodicals and newspapers for many years. His advice is asked and willingly given for every public service that needs direction. Such a career would imply the large advantages of college education, travel and reading in the early years. Mr. Smith had neither. What he has succeeded in becoming and doing is the product of his own indefatigable energy united to a keen sense of acquisitiveness in spiritual and moral values, a combination which has landed him at a mahogany desk in the Mutual Home building where the biographer sought to obtain some of the details of his remarkable career. Not so easy. Mr. Smith thinks it the height of absurdity to assume that the public is interested in as plain a story as his own, unaccompanied as it is with large public honors. A hint that the biographer would stay right there pencil in hand until closing time induced him to ramble on about himself in the following informal and satiric fashion:

"They named it Clay Township, up there where I was born. Yes, I, too, thought it was in honor of Henry, (who said he would rather be right than be president), but they told me afterwards it was on account of the soil—yellow, you know. There among the morning-glories and dog fennel I grew, quite lank and irregular, according to no accepted standards of artist or sculptor.

The world took no notice of the event. Why should it? What county, did you ask ? Oh, that does not matter. The League of Nations is not interested in that, either. But, just to see it in print, it was Montgomery county, in the great state of Ohio. That was not a bad selection, was it? The town was Phillipsburg, which legend says was named after my great-uncle, Phillip Studybaker. Population at the time of a certain decennial census was 232. Ten years later it was found to be 231. Haven't heard any recent reports, but according to that process of arithmetical retrogression, Greater Phillipsburg should now show an aggregate of about 229 souls, unless the McCorkles have moved away.

"There was nothing unique or distinctive about the village. Same old-fashioned tavern with its hitching-rack in front; same little frame churches with their starving preachers; same oversupply of gossipers; same soap-box forum at the corner store; one fully equipped town drunkard and an accredited village cut-up. Like other marooned hamlets, it had its floating population of porkers rooting in the unpaved gutters; alleys littered with everything from corncobs to broken sleighs: mud in the streets—(yes, I mean streets—there were two of them;) broken flag stones on the sidewalks and brass band concert on Saturday evenings up where the two streets cross. I used to sit on the lower step of Doc Brumbaugh's house on the corner with my chin in my hand listening to the magic strains of the snare drum which to me was the most musical and wonderful instrument in the whole band. How I longed to hurry and grow up and become a snare drummer with a purple and yellow uniform with green stripes and gold braid. That was ambition, though Mark Antony may have been right about his friend Julius Caesar being short on it.

"Got along fairly well as a small boy. Did not know anything about such things as paper money, Waterbury watches, flobert rifles, Elinor Glyn, Ty Cobb, or manicure scissors, so did not miss them at all. Never heard of a boy going on the steam cars, owning a pony, wearing store-clothes or eating chocolate bon bons, so had no trouble grieving over their absence. Went to school. We all did. All in one room, scholars, dinner buckets, red hot box stove, wood pile, beech gad, measles, stone-bruises, and other forms of equipment, all together between the rough blackboard on the south side of the room and the cracked one on the north. Had a long pencil, blue at one end and red at the other. Drew maps. I called them such. Teacher said they looked a little like them, though the resemblance would serve better as an alibi than as convicting evidence. Had a pair of red-top boots with copper toes. What music there was in that delectable squeak as I walked up between the rows of knife-nicked desks to recite my mental 'rithmetick. Tschaikowsky's concerto in D major, in comparison, would have been but discordant disturbers. Never played hookey. Didn't find it in the books. And, besides, the older boys never invited me. Never got a whaling with the big gad. Once when the bad boy, Bill Thompson, got his while standing in the class, I got the effect of the tip of the whip, and came near crying, but was ashamed to. Bill twitted me about it at recess and I told him it didn't hurt a

bit and he remarked that I was a liar. That was an awful word in those days. Saw several fights over it on the way home from school. One in the sawmill yard and one on the foot-log over the creek. Never will forget that last one. Both of them went into the water which, at that point, was fully seven feet wide and nine inches deep.

"Then, one great day we packed our household belongings into Uncle John's big wagon and moved down on Wolf Creek in another town. Ah, that was the place. There was opportunity. Twice as many people in the place, and the cars ran through town every-day. In what the near-wise delight to call the 'adolescent period,' gaily caparisoned with one suspender, I waded in the limpid waters of the little brook, and often lay on my back on the banks, (one bank at a time, of course) gazing up into the floating clouds, and dreaming of the future when I should be a grow up man with a real celluloid collar and beautiful side whiskers, and would be allowed to eat at the first table when company came. Dreaming, too, of seeing this great big world, when I should travel, travel, oh, so far, away over into Preble county, perhaps, and could jump on the moving cars whenever I wanted to without being yanked out of my wits by the town marshal. Now, you may lisp the classic virtues of the River Dee; you may transport yourself to the region of the rippling waters of Bonny Maxwelton; you may sigh for the banks of the Wabash far away, but I say for pure, unadulterated sentiment, give me my beloved old Wolf Creek with its gracefully sloping borders of flowing anthemis cotula, aubrosia artimisiaefolia and bidens bipinnata (I wouldn't want to call them by their every-day names), with here a Sweet William, there a Sweet William, here and there a weary William, basking in the radiant sunshine of a perfect day.

"No painter, so far as I know, has fixed on canvas the romantic settings that abound in the neighborhood of Goose island or down behind the Lutheran church, where, one day, I caught one tiny sunfish in the gill and one larger-sized boy in the upper lip, and narrowly escaped a sound walloping at the hands of his big brother.

"Well, it just seems that my school years, (eight of them in all), were the largest part of my uneventful life. High school and college were both for the other fellows, but the school of experience is still in session and I am a long way from graduation—I hope. I have no titles, degrees, shoulder straps, diplomas or parole papers. I lay claim to no political honors, who's who mention or also-ran record. I only crave opportunity, work, good health, true friends, a clear conscience and receipts for the weekly household bills. As to occupations, they came along quietly something in this order: choreboy, grocery clerk, postoffice assistant, country school-teacher, salesman, bookkeeper, cashier, auditor, secretary, treasurer, director, president, and a few of the other somewhat strenuous jobs that fall to the fellow who wishes to keep busy, and has a distinct and abiding horror of enjoying the immeasurable joys and benefits of living among friends without leaving some record on earth at the time of evacuation that will, at least, justify the permanent occu-

pation of a few square feet in God's acre when the current is turned off.

"Dayton opened her gates to me in May, 1888, when I arrived on the morning local with the family gripsack, new congress shoes, homemade shirt, shelf suit, and brown derby, also a fair sized stock of confidence and financial needs. Through the patience and fatherly forbearance of dear old Josiah Aulabaugh I was permitted to draw from his exchequer a six-dollar-a-week stipend in return for alleged services as salesman, bookeeper, errand boy, collector and janitor, a combination that, in those roseate days, served to insure a certain degree of versatility not altogether useless for career building. Soon picked up a rather extended line of accomplishments, such as how to talk over a telephone; how to turn off the gas; how to hail a street car when I didn't walk; how to acclimate myself to a boarding-house; how to walk along the street acting just like a city fellow, (as I supposed); how to build up a savings account out of a six-dollar-a-week salary; how to sort out the many things that insisted upon crowding into my unsophisticated head so that waste and lost motion might be kept at a reasonable limit.

"Eight months sufficed to satiate my desire for experience in the retail world, then began a more extended course in the exacting and interesting duties of industrial life. As to my behavior in that sphere, there is little to say. If you must spread it on the minutes, perhaps the things I am least ashamed of are my connection with the Platt Iron Works company, and its predecessors; with the Kinnard Manufacturing company, Mr. Eugene J. Barney's interests and the present group of industries with which I am connected. Incidentally, the Dayton Young Men's Christian association, the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Dayton association, the Board of Education, the University Extension, the Provident Collateral Loan company, the Montgomery County Humane society, the Present Day club, the Engineers' club, the Dayton Credit Men's association, the First Reformed church and the Central Theological seminary, and some half a dozen other organizations have, in their most indulgent moments, permitted me to act in some official capacity or other in their affairs. No doubt you can secure their regrets upon application.

"I think the Vicar of Wakefield and Pastor Wagner would both agree that they had nothing on me when it came to 'the simple life,' so let us say that that is all excepting that the last reel which has not been taken yet, and it will not pay the patrons to wait for it. This way out."

Thomas Ray Smith. Officials in all business houses and big corporations must be men of energy, stability of character and honesty of purpose, who can be fully depended upon to conserve the interests of the business which they represent. Thomas Ray Smith, the efficient agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad system, at Brookville, possesses these characteristics and accordingly has won the respect of his fellow-citizens and the confidence of his company. He was born at Kelat, Ky., February 23, 1881, third in a family of four sons and four daughters born to Thomas J. and Isabel (Lang) Smith. Five of these are living, the only one in Kentucky being

Effie, the wife of Jacob Hicks, a salesman; three brothers, Otto, Leonard W. and Harold P., reside at Cincinnati. The paternal grandfather of Mr. Smith, was Joseph Warren Smith, who was born July 7, 1818, in Harrison county, Ky., near Antioch Mills. He was a son of Rev. Patterson Smith, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, South. He was thrice married and the father of seventeen children, several of whom died in infancy. In a biographical sketch in a history of Harrison county, Ky., compiled a great many years ago, the following extract appears: "Joseph Warren Smith, one of Kentucky's prosperous farmers, is a man of honor and integrity and his word is worth more than many a rich man's bond." Thomas J. Smith, the eldest son in his father's large family, was born in Harrison county, Ky., June 11, 1847, and died February 25, 1905. He was reared in his native state and educated in the public school at Antioch Mills, following which he took a normal school training under Professor Holbrook. Upon completing his education he adopted the teacher's vocation, entering upon a career which made his name widely and favorably known. He came to Ohio in 1900 and settled in Warren county. He and Mrs. Smith were devout members of the Methodist church and during their lives did much to further religious and charitable work. He was a member of the Masons while she belonged to the Eastern Star at Waynesville, and at the pretty cemetery at that place her husband was buried. Mrs. Smith was born in Harrison county, Ky., September 23, 1857, and was there reared and educated in the public schools. While he enjoyed the advantages of a public school training, as well as instruction under his learned father, Thomas Ray Smith is largely self-educated, as he is also self-made. He was eighteen years of age when he left his Kenutcky home and the parental roof and came to Ohio, and for the three years that followed his arrival applied himself assiduously to agricultural work. As it draws so many younger men in the country, railroading attracted him at this time, the looked-for romance appealing to him as much more desirable than the uneventful daily routine of the fields. Accordingly he applied himself at Waynesville to mastering the art of telegraphy, in the office of the Pennsylvania railroad at that point, and this provided the stepping-stone by which he entered upon his railroad career. In 1908 he received his first important appointment, being made agent at Waynesville, although he had been telegrapher for some time previous, and June 1, 1913, was appointed agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad company at Brookville. Since then he has continued to manage the business at this point of the great system, and has at all times proven himself prompt, efficient, reliable and courteous, thus reflecting credit upon the company which he represents and at the same time gaining public confidence and friendships. Mr. Smith was married October 25, 1905, to Miss Estella Missildine, and to this union there have been born two daughters: Louise, in fifth grade of the public school; and Carolyn, in the fourth grade. Both these little misses are well along in their studies and are making admirable progress in music, for which both have shown a decided talent. Mrs. Smith was born at Waynesville, Warren county, Ohio, June 4, 1881, a daughter of

John F. and Drucilla (MacLary) Missildine. There were seven children in the family, three sons and four daughters, and of these five children are living: Estella, who is now Mrs. Smith; Oliver, a resident of Warren county; Marietta, who is the wife of Dr. H. Q. Alexander, a physician of Dayton; Cecelia, the wife of J. L. Sellers, a contractor of Dayton; and John H., a merchant of Wichita, Kas. Mr. Sellers and Mr. Smith of this review were reared in the same locality of Kentucky, came to Ohio about the same time, and wedded sisters. A full genealogy of the Missildine family will be found on another page of this work. Mrs. Smith received a good education in the public schools and is known for her many accomplishments, being a member of the Clio Literary club of Brookville and other societies, while she and her husband are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Smith is a democrat in his political affiliation, having cast his first presidential vote for Judge Alton B. Parker. He is a member of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and is fraternally identified with Brookville Lodge, No. 596, F. & A. M., and with Castle Hall Lodge, Knights of Pythias, at Waynesville, in both of which he is very popular. Mrs. Smith shares in her husband's popularity, and this couple is well worthy the respect and esteem in which they are held, and to presentation in a work primarily arranged to reveiw the representative people in the great and prosperous Miami Valley of Ohio.

Victor C. Smith. In the profession of civil engineering at Dayton, as well as in contracting circles of that city, attention has been recently drawn to the activities of Victor C. Smith, ex-county engineer, president and general manger of the Swank Engineering company. While one of the younger concerns, having been founded only in 1917, it is proceeding to distinguish itself by the magnitude and importance of its operations, which have been of a nature calculated to make evident a brilliant and prosperous future. As the head of this concern, Victor C. Smith, who, during a comparatively short but always active career has shown himself worthy of the several trusts which have been reposed in him, and it may be here stated, that the great achievement standing to his credit was the one which fell to him after the great flood of 1913, and known as the "reconstruction period." At this time Mr. Smith designed and supervised the construction of seventeen large river bridges in that part of the valley which lies within the confines of Montgomery county. Each of these bridges bear his name and will stand for generations as a monument to his skill as an engineer. Another work of importance and of which he is the father in Montgomery county, is that of the "permanent road system." He constructed the first brick road in Montgomery county—personally setting the first brick in the system. Mr. Smith is a Daytonian by nativity, born December 10, 1886, and is a son of Michael M. and Emma (Makley) Smith, also natives of Dayton, and members of old and highly respected families of this city. Michael M. Smith was a blacksmith and wagon maker by trade, and for many years was proprietor of the old Pioneer Wagon works. He died in May, 1918, and his widow survives and resides in Dayton. Victor C. Smith attended the public schools and St. Mary's institute,

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now St. Mary's college, being graduated from the latter with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Desiring to master thoroughly the vocation which he had chosen for his life work, he began the shop course at the Platt Iron works, his initial experience and training coming from the foundry. Later he passed through the various positions in the erecting shop, then went to the machine shop, and on to the testing department, completing fully the entire course and informing himself comprehensively in every branch of the business. For a time thereafter Mr. Smith followed his profession as a civil engineer, and while thus engaged received the appointment as chief deputy in the county surveyor's office. Later he was elected county surveyor, a position which he filled creditably anl honorably for four years. At the expiration of his term of office, in 1917, Mr. Smith became one of the founders of the engineering and contracting concern of Swank Engineering company. This business was incorporated for $10,000, with Victor C. Smith as president. An appreciable amount of the work done by the firm is connected with municipal contracting, in the way of paving, etc., work in which the city of Dayton, Montgomery county and the state of Ohio are receiving excellent value for the people's money. The offices of the Swank Engineering company are situated at No. 703 Conover building. Mr. Smith is one who has worked his way up from the ranks, and who has been compelled to push no man down while making his own rise. His business associates have always known him as an honorable man, and this also applies to his connection with the Democratic party, in which he wields something more than a local interest. He is a member of Corpus Christi Catholic church, and his fraternal connections include membership in the Knights of Columbus, and the Knights of St. John, while in a professional way he belongs to the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Ohio Engineering society and the Dayton Engineers' club. June 18, 1913, Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Kathryn C. Agnew, daughter of Patrick Joseph Agnew, of Dayton, and to this union there have been born three daughters: Mary Clare, Kathleen Rita, and Elizabeth. Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith have numerous friends at Dayton, where they have been active in church and charitable work.

Webster S. Smith, M. D. Nearly forty years of devotion to his profession is the record of Webster S. Smith, M. D., a veteran physician of Dayton. Doctor Smith is a native son of Dayton, and was born November 13, 1856, his parents being Isaac M. and Phoebe (Wilbaum) Smith, the former a native of Lancaster, Pa., and the latter of Montgomery county, Ohio. Isaac M. Smith, a carpenter by trade, came to Dayton about 1854, and here followed his trade for several years, or until he enlisted in the Union service during the Civil war. He fought valiantly in the cause of his country, and when peace was declared returned to the life of the civilian, and developed his business into such proportions that he became a contractor. He continued as a respected business man until his death at Dayton, and his widow still survives and makes her home here. Webster S. Smith attended the public schools, following which he pursued a medical course at the Ohio Medical college,

Cincinnati, O., where he was graduated with the class of 1880, receiving the degree of M. D. He at once engaged upon the practice of his profession at Salem, Montgomery county, where he remained two years, and then went to West Milton, where he ministered to the people of the community for thirteen years. In 1895 he returned to his native city of Dayton, and here has since built up an excellent clientele, his practice having been of the most desirable kind that can fall to the lot of a general practitioner. His well-appointed offices are located at No. 3 North Boulevarde. Doctor Smith is a member of the Montgomery County Medical society, the Mississippi Valley Medical association, the Ohio State Medical society and the American Medical association. A number of honors have come to him during his long and useful career, becoming a member of the American Milk commission and of the Miami Valley hospital staff. His fraternal affiliations are with Dayton Lodge of Masons and West Milton Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he also holds membership in the Sons of Veterans. The Doctor has a wide acquaintance with prominent men in all avenues of life's activities, and in his own profession is esteemed and respected by his fellow-practitioners. Doctor Smith was married June 29, 1881, to Margaret E. Shriver, daughter of Dr. John M. Shriver, of Dayton, and they are the parents of two sons: Howard S., who is city attorney of Dayton; and Charles S., who is engaged in the practice of medicine here.

W. F. Smith. There are few men in business who can display a dual individuality as to success in divergent fields. The qualities which bring a man to the forefront in one line are as a rule not those which are conducive to successful accomplishment in another field of action. Yet there are men who have so combined their abilities and have so exercised them that their work has brought them prosperity along both avenues of operation. One of these men of Dominant Dayton is W. F. Smith, whose success as an operator in real estate has been exceeded by his work in the difficult field of auctioneering. In both directions he has made the most of a telling personality, but it is, perhaps, in the latter vocation that he has established his best reputation. In the past, and up to within recent years, the business of auctioneering had not been held in high repute. Conditions presented were of a nature which allowed vulgarity, loud-mouthed soap-box oratory and sensational methods of every description. That day has passed, and the present will not allow of such methods being used. The occupation of auctioneering has been developed into an art, in which sobriety, gentlemanly conduct and absolute integrity dominate. It has not been the work of a minute, or of an hour or a year, to so elevate the vocation; it has called for earnest and conscientious work upon the part of the men who have had its interests at heart, and among these workers Mr. Smith has been prominent for his aggressiveness in action, his gentlemanly bearing on every occasion and his conspicuous conscientiousness in endeavoring to keep the profession upon the high plane which its accepted recognition warrants. There is much of truth that has been written regarding the natural advantages offered by Dayton for the founding, develop-

ment and successful prosecution of business enterprises. Still, it is to be remembered that in a city of this size, where numerous opportunities are offered, there is bound to be keener competition for the rewards, thus necessitating a higher order of ability than otherwise would be called for, greater industry and sturdier preseverrance. And this being so, it is to Mr. Smith's credit that he has succeded in both of his fields of activity. Dayton's growth and development have attracted many men of keen insight and sound judgment into the realty line; but only the fittest, of whom Mr. Smith is one, have been able to survive. Opportunities in the auctioneering line have been granted, yet there are few who have attained success in the way that has attached to Mr. Smith's name. W. F. Smith was born at New Burlington, Greene county, O., April 20, 1870, and belongs to a family that has resided in that county for more than a century. His father was Lewis Smith, a blacksmith by vocation, and one of the sturdy and dependable citizens of New Burlington, who reared his children to lives of industry and honesty. W. F. Smith secured his education in the schools of Greene county, and was variously occupied in different employments until July 5, 1890, when he secured a position with the Adams Express company, and was assigned to their Portsmouth, O., office. He remained in their employ until 1899, when, resigning, he became identified with the National Cash Register company. After two years of service in the great plant of that concern, he decided that it was time to enter upon an independent career, and during 1901 and 1902 was associated with W. E. Donson in the real estate business. In 1903 he starter his career as an auctioneer and has continued in that line ever since, with constantly increasing success. As a real estate operator he is now the head of the firm of W. F. Smith & Brothers, having admitted his brothers, Leslie L. and W. L. Smith, to partnership. The firm carries on a general real estate business, with offices on the second floor of the Davies building, and is a member of the Dayton Real Estate board. In the handling of large properties, Mr. Smith has shown himself to be possessed of splendid ability, and during his long career at Dayton has been the medium through whom many important transactions have been carried through to a successful and satisfying conclusion. These have been handled in such a manner that his reputation as a straightforward business man has been firmly established among his colleagues and clients. His special abilities, however, are brought out in the field of auctioneering, one which demands unusual and unique gifts—talents which Mr. Smith possesses in marked degree. He is a citizen who takes a helpful and constructive interest in good civic movements, of educational, moral and religious character.

William L. Smith, who is superintendent and manager of the Dayton Street Railway company, is one of the alert and enterprising men of Dayton, and is also one of the men who have risen from the ranks, and his thorough knowledge of transportation has enabled him to give the city excellent traction service. Mr. Smith was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, March 3, 1877, a son of John C. Smith. His educational training included a high school course, and when

he laid aside his school books he secured a position in the mechanical department of the Cincinnati Street Railway company, where his general ability and industry won him promotion, and after one year spent in the shops he came to Dayton as superintendent of the People's railway, a position which he held for about five years under president Col. George B. Kerper. His next connection was with the Toledo, Bowling Green & Southern Traction company, with which he was connected seven years, and of which he became general superintendent. He returned to Dayton to become superintendent and manager of the Dayton Street Railway company, positions which he has since filled with eminent ability. The Dayton Street railway, an entirely new organization, was started February 28, 1909, by Adam Schantz, president; Stanley M. Krohn, vice-president; Edward Hanley, secretary and treasurer; and William L. Smith, general manager and superintendent. It was incorporated for $1,200,000, and the above officials remained in charge until 1916, when W. A. Keyes became president, and Philip Worman, secretary and treasurer, Messrs. Krohn and Smith retaining their positions. The directors at this time (1919) are: Torrence Huffman, J. T. Breene, Charles S. Simms and J. R. Griffith. Fourteen miles of track are utilized and there are upwards of 100 employees, while the rolling stock and other equipment, all modern in character, include twenty-two single motor cars, five double truck cars, twenty trail cars, a snow plow and a line wagon. He has made a close study of the science of railroading, has a broad knowledge of the principles governing the operation of railway lines and all the rules and regulations pertaining to traffic, and is a man also of extensive general information. The excellent service he has rendered the people of Dayton in the operation of this line is a matter for general commendation. Mr. Smith is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, a Shriner and an Elk, and belongs to the City, Kiwanis and Engineers' clubs and to the Chamber of Commerce. He was married August 15, 1900, to Kathryn Daulton, daughter of Henry F. Daulton, of Dayton, and they are the parents of one son: C. Fred, who is attending school.

Hon. Edward T. Snediker, judge of the court of common pleas, at Dayton, has for thirty years been a member of the bench and bar of Ohio. He was born at Fairfield, Greene county, Ohio, May 19, 1865, a son of Thomas and Lavinia B. Snediker, and commenced his education in the district school of his native place. When he was nine years of age his parents brought him to Montgomery county, where he enjoyed the advantages of attendance at the common schools, and subsequently took a course in the Dayton High school, from which he was graduated in 1883. When graduated he secured a position in the shipping department of the Buckeye Brass and Iron works, Dayton. While he was thus employed with his duties during the daytimes, at night he would apply himself to his legal studies, and finally, in 1886, entered the Cincinnati Law school, where he spent one year. Returning to Dayton, he entered the law office of Gottschall & Brown. He was admitted to the bar June 7, 1888. He immediately began the practice of his profession. In the spring of 1901 his name appeared on the Republican ticket as candi-

date for the office of judge of the police court of Dayton. Elected by a large majority, his record in that capacity was such a creditable one that after he had served for part of a term when a vacancy occurred on the common pleas bench by the elevation of Hon. Charles W. Dustin to the circuit court, Gov. Myron T. Herrick appointed Judge Snediker to the place February 6, 1904, at the unanimous solicitation of the bar. In November, 1904, this appointment was ratified when Judge Snediker was elected to serve out the unexpired term, thus extending his incumbency to July 1, 1906. In November, 1905, he was nominated and elected for the full term of five years, from July 1, 1906, and through successive elections has continued in the same capacity. He has a conscientious appreciation of the importance of his work, and the sincere desire to render faithful service.

George David Snyder. One of the successful business establishments of Dayton which owes much of its success to the efforts of a self-trained executive, brought forth by the development of business conditions, is the Snyder Hat company, the president and treasurer of which, George David Snyder, is deserving of mention among the city's representative men. Mr. Snyder was born on a farm in Montgomery county, Ohio, near Dayton, a son of Benjamin F. and Mary J. (Brown) Snyder. His father, also a native of that county, has passed his entire life there in agricultural pursuits, and is one of the well-to-do and highly esteemed men of his community. After attending the district school and the Beaver Log High school George D. Snyder prepared himself for a business career by pursuing a course at Jacob's Business college. In 1899 he came to Dayton, where he secured a position as clerk in the store of the Tiger Hat company, a concern with which he remained for a period of eleven years, during which time he mastered thoroughly every detail of the business. Mr. Snyder was not content to remain in a clerkship. From youth he had cherished a desire to become a proprietor of an establishment of his own, and this ambition was realized in 1910, when he became one of the founders of the Snyder Hat company, a business incorporated at $10,000, with the following officers: Charles W. Cain, president; George D. Snyder, vice-president and treasurer, and H. G. Stibbs, secretary. The business was originally located at No. 38 W. Third street, and its purpose was the handling of men's hats and the renovation thereof, and the sale of men's furnishings. In the fall of 1912 Charles W. Cain disposed of his interests to H. C. Smith, and at that time the officers became as follows: George D. Snyder, president and treasurer, and H. C. Smith, vice-president and secretary. In 1915 the business was moved to its present location, No. 15 E. Third street, where floor space to the extent of 3,500 square feet is available and employment is given to six people. In addition to selling men's high grade hats and furnishings and renovating hats, a department for the cleaning and pressing of men's clothes is in operation. A large and complete stock is maintained at all times, with modern goods and latest styles as features, and high class workmanship is guaranteed at all times. The business has reached a substantial growth under the capable management of Mr. Snyder, who has himself progressed to a posi-

tion of business substantiality in which his ability is generally recognized. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and interested in the Y. M. C. A.; belongs to the Kiwanis club and the Triangle club, and is fraternally identified with Miami Lodge of the Knights of Pythias. In November, 1912, Mr. Snyder married Emma Kathryne Lambing, daughter of Frank D. Lambing, of Dayton. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder are members of the United Presbyterian church.

George H. Snyder. As Dayton, under the stimulus of its advancing and constantly growing business interests, extends its borders to include more and more of the adjacent territory, the activities of its real estate men continue to assume greater importance. Steady growth and progress is greatly desirable, not a sudden inflation of values which in their collapse leave behind them distressed and disturbed conditions greatly detrimental to the city's advancement. One of Dayton's realty men who has carried on his operations in a conservative way and who has thereby contributed in a helpful manner to the development of Greater Dayton, is George H. Snyder. Mr. Snyder was born at Pleasant Hill, Miami county, Ohio, May 22, 1883, son of Jefferson Snyder, an agriculturist of that region. George H. Snyder was educated in the public schools of his native community, and was reared as a farmer's son, but the life of the agriculturist held out no attractions to him, and he decided instead upon a business career. To prepare for this he took a course in Wilt's Commercial college, Dayton, and subsequently received further training by taking a course in architectural drafting in the Ohio State university. His first employer was the Maley-Thompson-Moffett company, of Cincinnati, with which hardwood lumber concern he remained for one year at Cincinnati and two years at New York City. His firm then sent him to Havana, Cuba, as its representative in dealing in mahogany, and upon his return to Dayton he embarked in the real estate business, in company with W. E. Danson. This association continued for three and one-half years, since which time Mr. Snyder has been engaged in business on his own account. In 1916 Mr. Snyder went to Detroit, where he spent one year, and a like period was passed at Cleveland, but eventually he returned to Dayton, which city will hereafter be his permanent headquarters, his offices at this time being situated at Nos. 827-828 Dayton Savings and Trust building. Mr. Snyder's operations have been extensive, and his specialty is the handling of city property and the building of homes, although he is more or less of a general operator, having become thoroughly familiar with every branch of his business. He has established an excellent reputation for integrity and fidelity to engagements, and is accounted by his associates as a good judge of values. He holds membership in the Dayton Real Estate board, the Ohio Association of Real Estate boards and the National Association of Real Estate boards, and is also a member of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce and the Y. M. C. A. He has allied himself with various movements which have assisted the city to reforms and better government and is a supporter of worthy philanthropic enterprises. Mr. Snyder's religious connection is with the First Baptist church, and he is a Knight Templar Mason of Reed

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Commandery and a Shriner. January 19, 1908, Mr. Snyder was married to Miss Jane Weaver, daughter of John and Harriet (Butt) Weaver, of Covington, Ohio, and to this union there have been born two children: Harriet Amanda, who is deceased, and Mabel Louise, at home.

Leslie C. Snyder. When Dayton historians take it upon themselves to name the city's native sons who have attained prominence they have a heavy task, for this is a city of achievement. Among the younger generation, however, Leslie C. Snyder will not be forgotten. Although still a young man, he has shown business ability of a high order and it may be stated that in no time during its life of forty-one years has the old house of Beaver & Company been more prosperous than since he became its president. Mr. Snyder was born April 27, 1888, son of Charles F. Snyder, for many years identified with business affairs here. After completing the public school course at Dayton he attended the Hotchkiss Preparatory school, then entered Yale university, from which he was graduated in the class of 1911, bearing off the degree of M. A. from the Sheffield Scientific school. Subsequently he took a course in Wilts' Commercial college, Dayton, following which he entered the factory of the Beaver Soap company to learn the business in a practical way. Thus thoroughly informed, he has found himself well prepared to deal with problems coming to the front concerning the manufacture, handling and sale of his product since he was elected president of the company in 1914. This company was established in 1878 by F. P. Beaver, who began the manufacture of soap in a small way on Webster street, W. D. Chamberlain and C. F. Snyder later becoming interested. In 1888 removal was made to the present location on the corner of Scovel and Concord streets, and in 1906 the business was re-incorporated for $1,000,000, with greatly enlarged facilities and modern plant. The officers of the company from 1893 until 1896 were: F. P. Weaver, president; W. D. Chamberlain, vice-president, and C. F. Snyder, secretary and treasurer. The officers elected in 1906 were: W. D. Chamberlain, president; C. F. Snyder, vice-president; A. K. Rankin, secretary, and J. R. Hall, treasurer. In 1914 Leslie C. Snyder became president; W. D. Crebs, vice-president; W. E. Rankin, secretary, and J. R. Hall, treasurer. The present officials, elected in 1917, are as follows: Leslie C. Snyder, president; W. D. Crebs, vice-president; J. H. Gunter, secretary; J. R. Hall, treasurer, and W. E. Rankin, sales manager. Mr. Snyder is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and active in its affairs. He belongs to the Country and the Buz Fuz clubs of Dayton, and the Berzelius club of Yale university.

John E. Sollenberger. Founded, financed and officered by Dayton men and capital, the William Hall Electric company is a business particularly at home in this city where it was started thirty-five years ago. Practical knowledge combined with progressive ideas and business caution have favored its rapid development, and it now stands as one of the city's representative enterprises, with which John E. Sollenberger, the vice-president of the company, has been identified for twenty-three years. Mr. Sollenberger was born at Dayton January 4, 1873. His father was George W. Sollenberger.

In boyhood he had public school advantages before he became a wage-earner. His first employer was Charles Breene, and with him he worked at the tailoring trade for two years. For one year afterward he was with the Dayton Manufacturing company. In 1895 he entered the employ of William Hall, and to the best interests of Mr. Hall he devoted himself faithfully, his advancement coming side by side with the growth of the business, and in 1905 he accepted the vice-presidency of the company. Mr. Sollenberger was married August 12, 1894, to Ina Georgia Hilliard, who is a daughter of Perry Hilliard, of Dayton. They have three daughters: Gladys S., who is the wife of Clarence Armentrout, of Dayton, and Hazel May and Mary, both of whom reside at home. Mr. Sollenberger is not an active participant in politics but is an alert and interested citizen. He belongs to the Country and Triangle clubs and his fraternal connections are with the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias.

Lucien A. Soward. No member of the Dayton bar has a better record for straightforward and high professional conduct than Lucien A. Soward, who has been engaged in practice and public service in this city since December, 1900. He is a man of scholarly attainments, with an exact and comprehensive knowledge of the law, and of late years he has concerned himself chiefly with the pressing and constantly broadening duties of his profession. Lucien A. Soward was born at Xenia, Greene county, Ohio, May 4, 1876, a son of Alfred and Mary A. (Cunningham) Soward. As a boy he was an ambitious student whose outlook was early directed to other fields than those limited by his immediate surroundings, and when he had completed his early education in the public schools of Xenia and Dayton he placed himself under the able preceptorship of Judge E. P. Matthews, and was admitted to the bar in December, 1900. At that time he became a resident and practicing laywer of Dayton, where he has won prominence both as an attorney and a man. Shortly after his arrival he was appointed assistant city solicitor, a position which he retained for five years, and in which he gained much experience of value, but since leaving that office has been engaged in a general practice, with offices in the Reibold building. He is known as a strong trial lawyer and an able advocate, and his clientage has been drawn from the larger and representative corporations and prominent business men. In politics Mr. Soward is a staunch Republican and has various social and civic affiliations, while his professional connections are with the Montgomery County Bar association, the Ohio Bar association and the American Bar association. Mr. Soward was married October 12, 1910, at Dayton, to Grace M. Tomlinson, daughter of John R. Tomlinson, of this city.

Roscoe W. Soward. In a comparison with some of the other biographies appearing in this work the career of Roscoe W. Soward has been a short one, yet his experience has been of a nature to make his position in business circles one of prominence, particularly in the music trade. At this time he is president of the Soward-Anderson company, a concern which has been in existence for nearly seventy years, although not under the same name during all this period. Mr. Soward was born at Dayton December 6, 1889, a son of John C. and Georgeanna (Weaver) Soward. His father was born at Bell-

brook, Greene county, Ohio, and was a young man when he came to Dayton. In 1850, in partnership with J. D. Dubois, he founded the music house of Dubois & Soward, at No. 21 S. Main street. Mr. Dubios died about 1896, and from that time forward Mr. Soward carried on the business alone for four years. In 1900 was incorporated the J. C. Soward company, the capital being $20,000, and the officers: J. C. Soward, president; L. L. Ehret, vice-president; O. M. Randall, secretary, and William Herbert Soward, treasurer. Mr. Soward the elder continued to give to the concern the benefits of his splendid business ability and developed judgment until his retirement in 1909, he now being deceased. Roscoe W. Soward received his education in the graded schools and the Steele High school and spent four years at St. Mary's university and then entered upon his business career in the house of which his father was president. About 1909, at the time of his father's retirement from the presidency, the firm became known as the Soward Music company, being capitalized at $60,000, with the following officers: William Herbert Soward, president and treasurer; Roscoe W. Soward, vice-president, and L. L. Ehret, secretary. The business at that time was moved to larger quarters, at No. 40 N. Main street, in order to meet the demands of a constantly increasing business, but these rooms also proved inadequate, and in 1917 the business was moved to its present location at No. 19 E. Fourth street. May 1, 1918, the firm became Soward-Anderson company, capitalized at $100,000, and with the following officers: William Herbert Soward, president and treasurer; Roscoe W. Soward, vice-president, and Chester D. Anderson, secretary and manager. In July of the same year William H. Soward resigned from officership and retired from business, and in the new election Roscoe W. Soward was made president, Chester D. Anderson, treasurer, and Charles D. Heald, secretary. The capital remains at $100,000. This concern carries a complete line of standard makes of pianos, including the Chickering, Ivers & Pond, Krakauer, A. B. Chase, Linderman & Sons, Schiller, Soward and Anderson, Victrolas and other popular makes of talking machines, Victor phonograph records, sheet music, and player pianos and rolls therefor, and a well-equipped repair department is maintained. The Soward-Anderson company employs twenty people, and 35,000 square feet of floor space is used for the display of its instruments. Mr. Soward is a young man of marked business capacity who brings to his work zeal and enthusiasm. He is a member of the Y. M. C. A. and Grace Methodist Episcopal church and is active in civic and social affairs of Dayton. He was married in March, 1915, to Miss Charlotte Bowen, daughter of Edward Bowen, of Dayton, and they are the parents of one daughter: Jean Virginia.

William Herbert Soward, long connected with the musical instrument business at Dayton and prominently known in business and musical circles of the city, has maintained throughout his entire careeer a high standard of principles. His retirement from the Soward-Anderson company, in July, 1918, removed from business affairs one whose work had always been of a constructive and progressive nature. He was born at Dayton June 12, 1875, a son of John C. and Rebecca (James) Soward, the former born at Bellbrook,

Greene county, Ohio. John C. Soward was a young man when he took up his residence at Dayton, and early became connected with the music house of Dubois & Soward, which formed the nucleus for the present concern of Soward-Anderson company. During the various stages of its growth and development Mr. Soward remained with the firm, giving it the advantages and benefits of his sound advice and splendid business abilities, until 1909, when he retired from the presidency. Both he and Mrs. Soward are now deceased. William Herbert Soward attended the public schools of Dayton, and after his graduation from the Steele High school entered the business of his father. This had been founded at Dayton as early as 1850 by J. D. Dubois, who was later joined by John C. Soward, in the forming of the firm of Dubois & Soward, the business being located at No. 21 S. Main street. About 1896 Dubois died and J. C. Soward then conducted the business alone for four years. In 1900 it was incorporated as the J. C. Soward company, the capital being $20,000, and the officers: J. C. Soward, president; L. L. Ehret, vice-president; O. M. Randall, secretary, and W. H. Soward, treasurer. About 1909 the firm became Soward Music company, being capitalized at $50,000, with the following officers: W. H. Soward, president and treasurer; R. W. Soward, vice-president, and L. L. Ehret, secretary. The business at that time was moved to larger quarters at No. 40 N. Main street, in order to meet the demands of a constantly increasing business. However, these quarters also proved inadequate, and in 1917 the business was moved to its present location, No. 19 E. Fourth street. May 1, 1918, the firm became Soward-Anderson company, capitalized at $100,000, and with the following officers: W. H. Soward, president and treasurer; R. W. Soward, vice-president, and C. D. Anderson, secretary and manager. In July of the same year W. K. Soward resigned from officership and retired from business, and in the new election R. W. Soward was made president; C. D. Anderson, vice-president and treasurer, and Charles D. Heald, secretary. The capital is still represented by $100,000 in stock. This concern carries a full line of standard makes of pianos, including the Chickering, Ivers & Pond, Krakauer, A. B. Chase, Linderman & Sons, Schiller, Soward & Anderson, and in addition carries in stock Victrolas and other popular makes of talking machines, as well as Victor records and sheet music, and player-pianos and rolls, and it maintains a complete repair department. The concern employs twenty people, and 35,000 square feet of floor space is used for the display of its goods. Mr. Soward possessed a close and intimate knowledge of the music business, coupled with excellent judgment, and was able to advance the interests of his company and to give to his patrons a service and a quality of work not ordinarily found. While his business cares, up to the time of his retirement, absorbed much of his time, he was interested in matters pertaining to the development of the city, and any measure looking toward the securing of better conditions at Dayton was sure of his hearty support. He has a number of important business connections and a wide acquaintance in business circles, while in club life he is popular and belongs to the Dayton Country club and the Dayton Rotary club. In his political activities he maintains an independent stand

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as to party lines. Mr. Soward was united in marriage June 6, 1900, with Nell Verne Long, a daughter of Peter Long, of Dayton.

Leonidas E. Speer. In studying the careers and characters of the men who have attained success we are naturally led to inquire into their methods and motives, and to solve the secret of the prompting of their minds which brought them prosperity. Success is preeminently a matter of the application of experience, sound judgment and industry at the right time and in the right manner, and in practically every instance it is found that the men who have attained prominence and the material rewards that accompany such position have done so through the medium of individual effort. In the legal profession at Dayton, one of the men whose success has come not through a happy combination of circumstances, but through personal effort and proper direction of energies is Leonidas E. Speer, who has been engaged in practice in this city since 1901. Mr. Speer was born at Bridgeport, Ind., October 20, 1862, a son of John F. and Mary S. (Spray) Speer. He was reared on the farm of his father, who was an industrious and highly respected agriculturist of the Hoosier state, and as a lad he was sent to the public schools of Indianapolis, where he acquired his primary education. Subsequently he pursued a course of study at Wilmnigton (Ohio) college, from which well-known institution he was graduated with the class of 1885 and the degree of B. S., and then began the study of his chosen profession in the law offices of Mills & Van Pelt, a prominent Wilmington (Ohio) firm, being admited to the bar in 1894. He at once began practice and in 1895 was admitted to appear in the United States courts, and after several years of practice at Xenia, Ohio, where he built up a reputation and clientele of enviable proportions, he was attracted to Dayton by the energetic spirit and enthusiasm of this city, and since 1901 has been steadily acquiring added prestige and more and more prominent practice. In 1911 he was admitted to practice before the supreme court of the United States, the highest federal tribunal. Mr. Speer's specialties have been equity and personal injury cases, a department in which he has few if any superiors at Dayton, in the principles of which he is thoroughly read and in the application of which he takes great interest. For years he has been a most diligent student as well as a careful and critical observer, and his mental faculties have grasp of conception and power of analysis; moreover, he is absorbed in his profession and feels for it the same enthusiasm that fired him when he was struggling for a foothold during his earlier years. He has numerous friends and intimates among the leading members of his profession and belongs to the Montgomery County Bar association and the United States District Bar association. An active participation in public-spirited movements has given him the reputation of being a good citizen, and his standing in professional, civic and private life is assured. October 20, 1886, Mr. Speer married Miss Martha J. Gallimore, of Bloomington, Ohio, and to them were born: Oleo, Leon, Ray, Paul and Ralph.

Earl C. Spivey. In business circles of Dayton the name of Earl C. Spivey is known as that of a reliable citizen who through honorable transactions has become the head of an establishment

that has gained and held its full share of public confidence. As a funeral director and embalmer Mr. Spivey stands among the foremost in his vocation, is a graduate of several schools of embalming, and has always been a close student of the business which he has chosen as his life work. He was born at Camden, Ohio, July 12, 1888, a son of George R. and Rebecca J. (Wilson) Spivey, the former of whom, formerly a car finisher at the Barney & Smith car works, is now deceased, while the latter is a resident of Dayton. Earl C. Spivey received his education in the public schools of Dayton, following which for a time he worked in a grocery store. Subsequently he took up house decorating as a vocation, and in 1907 entered the funeral directing business of Morris & Jackson (now Jackson & Whitmer), a concern which he remained with for two years. Realizing the need for further preparation, he attended the Barnes School of Anatomy and later the Cincinnati College of Embalming, and with this specialized knowledge went to Chicago, where he added to his personal equipment by practical experience with several large undertaking concerns. In 1911, returning to Dayton, he established his present business at 2518 E. Third street, where he has since remained in the maintenance of a constantly increasing business. Mr. Spivey has motorized equipages and his equipment throughout his house is of the most modern character, the entire establishment being appropriately appointed for the careful, proper and reverent care of the dead and for the convenience of sorrowing relatives. Mr. Spivey is a man of infinite tact, and of sympathetic nature, and has won a place in the friendship and confidence of those whom he has been called upon to serve in their hour of bereavement. He and the members of his family belong to the Third Baptist church, and his fraternal connections include membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, the Woodmen of the World and the Loyal Order of Moose, while Mrs. Spivey belongs to the Daughters of America. August 20, 1912, Mr. Spivey was united in matrimony with Laura, daughter of Walter S. Barto, of Mad River township, Montgomery county, Ohio, and they are the parents of two children: Irene Adele and Janet Mae.

Hon. Carroll Sprigg. For fourteen years a member of the bar of Montgomery county, Hon. Carroll Sprigg ranks among the distinguished legists of Dayton. In no profession is there a career more open to talent than in that of the law, and in no avenue of human endeavor is there demanded a more comprehensive training or a more thorough appreciation of the absolute ethics of life and of the underlying principles which form the basis of all human privileges and rights. Intuitive judgment, unceasing application and a determination and ability to fully utilize the opportunities at hand are concomitants which insure personal success and prestige in the law, which stands as the stern conservator of justice, and it is one into which none should enter without a full appreciation of the responsibilities attendant upon legal practice. Such elements have entered into the successful career of Judge Sprigg, who bears a name that has been prominently known and highly honored in the profession for many years at Dayton. Judge Sprigg was born at Day-

ton June 16, 1879, a son of Lieut. John McMahon and Mary (Helfrich) Sprigg. His father, a native of Cumberland, Md., enlisted in the Confederate army at the outbreak of the Civil war and served through four years of struggle, in which he bore the rank of lieutenant and participated as courier in some of the hardest fought engagements of the period of hostilities. When peace was declared he came to Dayton with Clement L. Vallandigham and read law in the office of Hauck & McMahon, and after his admission entered upon a practice which brought him to the forefront among the city's practitioners. For some time he was associated with Charles Vallandigham and subsequntly practiced alone until 1899, when Capt. Roy Fitzgerald became his partner under the style of Sprigg & Fitzgerald. In 1904 Carroll Sprigg was admitted as a member and the firm of Sprigg, Fitzgerald & Sprigg continued to be a formidable one until the death of the senior member, January 25, 1907, after a brilliant, useful and active career. Mr. Sprigg was a prominent and influential Democrat of Dayton and took an active part in campaigns. He had the deserved confidence of the public, and for four years acted as prosecuting attorney and for several years as police commissioner, his record in public office being an honorable and creditable one. Mrs. Sprigg died in 1883. They were the parents of two children: Helen Mary, who is deceased, and Carroll, of this notice. After attending the public schools of Dayton Carroll Sprigg was sent by his father to the Michigan Military academy, at Orchard Lake, Mich., where he learned discipline and was taught the value of honor and systematic action, this being followed by a course at Phillips academy, Andover, Mass. Subsequently he became a student of Yale university, graduating in the class of 1901, with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy, and his law studies were prosecuted at Columbia university, being a member of the graduating class of 1904, when he received his degree of Bachelor of Laws. He at once returned to Dayton, where he entered upon the practice of his profession as a member of the firm of Sprigg, Fitzgerald & Sprigg, and after his father's death continued with Captain Fitzgerald until 1911. In that year, by election, he was elevated to the bench of the court of common pleas, and continued to occupy that judicial position until 1917, when he resumed practice, this time independently. His offices are located on the fourth floor of the City National bank building. Judge Sprigg's practice has steadily grown since he demonstrated his ability to handle problems of jurisprudence, and he now has a distinctively representative clientage, which connects him with the most important litigation heard in the courts of his district. He prepares his cases with skill and precision and his presence and earnestness of manner indicate his thorough familiarity with the contested points. He is logical in argument, clear in his reasoning, forceful in his delivery, and his opinions always carry weight and seldom fail to convince. During his period on the bench his decisions were rarely reversed and his judicial labors were commended alike by bar, bench and public. Judge Sprigg is a member of the Montgomery County Bar association and the State and American Bar associations, as well as the Lawyers' club. He is socially inclined when the duties of his profession will allow him the

pleasure of companionship with his fellows, and belongs to the Dayton Elks and Buz Fuz clubs of Dayton, and the Yale, Lambs and Country clubs of New York City. He is likewise a member of the Phi Delta Phi fraternity. In politics he votes and supports the Democratic ticket. He has ever been interested in the movements tending to advance the general welfare and withholds his co-operation from no enterprise for the good of the city, state or nation. Judge Sprigg was married June 14, 1906, to Miss Charlotte L. Brown, a daughter of Charles H. and Ada B. (Bennett) Brown, of Dayton, and to this union there has come one son: John McMahon, born July 6, 1908.

Ferdinand H. Stachler. During recent years in the various districts of the Miami valley there have come to the forefront many young men who have attained to positions formerly held only by those who were greatly their superior in years. The larger cities have felt most strongly the invasion of the younger element, whose progressiveness, earnestness and fresh ideas, with the enthusiasm that youth alone has, have done much to add to the prestige of a number of communities. All lines of business, all the professions, and all other activities have felt this influx of the younger element. At Dayton, where there are many young men holding responsible offices, one who belongs to this class in financial circles is Ferdinand H. Stachler, cashier of the North Dayton Savings bank. It has only been a comparatively short time since he entered upon his career, yet he has already accomplished much and has firmly established himself in the public confidence. Mr. Stachler was born in Mercer county, Ohio, December 7, 1890, and there received his early education in the public schools. He was but ten years of age when brought to Dayton by his parents, and after completing the primary grades and the high school went to St. Mary's college, from which he was duly graduated with the class of 1909. At that time he came to Dayton and almost immediately thereafter became identified with the North Dayton Savings bank in the capacity of assistant cashier. He soon displayed ability, energy, and fidelity of a high order, and when the vacancy ahead occurred he was chosen as cashier and still occupies that post. Mr. Stachler, in addition to having won the confidence of his associates, stands high in the esteem of the bank's patrons, with whom he is very popular. He is socially inclined, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's Alumni club, and Dayton Chapter of the Institute of Bankers, of which last-named he is president.

Myer H. Stanley. One of the comparatively recent acquisitions to the progressive business men of Dayton, Myer H. Stanley, has established his popularity and success on a firm basis, that of his own well-tested merit. As secretary and general manager of the Stanley Manufacturing company he occupies a position of trust and responsibility with a concern of importance in Dayton's manufacturing circles, and during the time that he has been identified with this enterprise has gained and held in the fullest degree the confidence of his associates. Myer H. Stanley was born at Dayton, Ohio, December 11, 1890, a son of N. M. Stanley. He received his early education in the public schools, and after graduating from the Steele High

school enrolled as a student at the Ohio State university, and was duly graduated from that institution with the class of 1914, receiving at that time the degree of LL. B. He then entered the business with which he is now connected and with the success of which he has had so much to do. The Stanley Manufacturing company was established as the Dayton Letter company, April 25, 1911, by N. M. Stanley, president, and George F. Stanley, secretary and treasurer, the capital stock being $5,000, and the business of the concern was the manufacture of metal adhesive letters for optical cases, the original offices being in the Y. M. C. A. building. July 16, 1913, the style of the firm was changed to the Stanley Manufacturing company, and the same officers and capital stock were retained, but the plant was removed to 46 E. Cannon street, where there were more commodious quarters. The business had increased so encouragingly by 1914 that December 14 of that year the capital stock was increased to $50,000, and the business added to its manufacture adhesive hat letters, metal adhesive name plates and metal adhesive seals for the manufacturers of candies, perfumes, toilet articles, etc. Approximately 90 per cent of the company's business at the present time is the making of seals and labels for the perfume and toilet article manufacturers, and the product of the company is recognized all over the world as the very finest that can be produced. The same officers were retained until January 11, 1915, when the following elections were made: N. M. Stanley, president; George F. Stanley, vice-president and manager, and Myer H. Stanley, secretary and treasurer. January 1, 1919, at an election, N. M. Stanley was again chosen as president; G. F. Stanley, vice-president; Scott Pierce, treasurer; M. H. Stanley, secretary and manager, and H. R. Walker, assistant secretary. At the present time the company occupies quarters at 46 E. Cannon street, where it has available 10,000 square feet of floor space, but in the near future expects to build a modern factory which will triple the floor space used. During the war period the plant was being worked on a 50 per cent war production basis, making saddle cloth insignia and stencils for the United States Government. The company has since added to its product counter display signs and tack-on name plates, and in all does an annual business of from $150,000 to $200,000, employing fifty people in the plant and fifty traveling salesmen on the road, with the world as the company's territory. As general manager of this business Mr. Stanley has shown himself a young man of distinctively modern and progressive ideas and the ability to carry through his ventures to a successful conclusion. He has other business connections and is a director of the Fogarty Manufacturing company and the Stanley Optical company, and belongs also to the Delta Upsilon fraternity, the Miami Valley Golf club, the Y. M. C. A. and the Chamber of Commerce. January 28, 1915, Mr. Stanley married Marie, daughter of M. J. Kouns, of Columbus, Ohio, and they are the parents of two daughters: Sarah Jane and Elma Johnston.

David L. Stanze. During the comparatively short period of ten years David L. Stanze has advanced from the position of bookkeeper to the offices of secretary and vice-president of one of Dayton's large and important manufacturing concerns, the Vaile-Kimes

company. Mr. Stanze entered upon his business career well equipped through systematic training and thorough education, and his progress has brought him steadily to a point where he is now recognized as one of Dayton's leading business men of the younger generation. His success has been gained in his native city, for he was born at Dayton, November 15, 1885, a son of Christian and Delphine (Benjamin) Stanze. His father, born in Europe, emigrated to the United States as a young man, and when the Civil war broke out enlisted in the Union Army of his adopted land and fought bravely during the period of that struggle. When peace was declared this young Pennsylvania cavalryman decided to remain in military life, and subsequently saw much service on the western frontiers during the taming of the rebellious Indian tribes in the westward advance of civilization. He was retired with the rank of major and located at Dayton, where his death occurred in August, 1892. His widow still survives and makes her home in this city. David L. Stanze attended the public schools of Dayton, following which he was sent to the Ohio Northern university, at Ada, Ohio, and was graduated from that institution, after a complete engineering course, with the class of 1907. Later he took a special course at Wilt's Business college, and was variously employed until June 1, 1909, when he entered the employ of the Vaile-Kimes company as bookkeeper. He has since remained with this concern, where his fidelity, energy and ability have been recognized by promotion steady and continued, first to assistant secretary, in 1911, next to secretary, in 1916, and then to secretary and vice-president, in 1918. The Vaile-Kimes company was established in July, 1905, by J. H. Vaile and H. W. Kimes, as a copartnership, located on N. Canal street. The product of the concern was hydraulic pumps, and the business of the company, from its inception, was steady and consistent, so that in February, 1911, the business was incorporated for $100,000, with J. H. Vaile, president and treasurer, and C. E. Burant, secretary. In 1916 the capital stock was advanced to $150,000, the officers at that time being: J. H. Vaile, president and treasurer; H. W. Kimes, general manager, and David L. Stanze, secretary. At that time also an increase was made to the scope of the business, it being enlarged to include the manufacture of electric driven pumps for residence and farm use. Mr. Kimes, one of the founders of the business, and one of the main factors in the achieving of its success, died March 6, 1917, and subsequently Mr. Stanze assumed the duties of vice-president in addition to those of secretary, J. H. Vaile still being president and treasurer of the concern. This company's plant employs 150 people, and five traveling salesmen are kept on the road, covering a wide territory in the United States and Canada, the product of the concern being well and favorably known. Mr. Stanze is a member of Junior Order United American Mechanics and a thirty-second degree Mason, and his membership in the Greater Dayton association, also Rotary club, evidences his civic pride and public spirit, which have on many occasions carried him into movements promulgated for the general welfare. His religious connection is with the First Reformed church. He was married September 15, 1909, to Miss Alpha I. Busche, daughter of Jacob and Caroline

(Neidert) Busche, of Dayton, and they have two children: Richard Theodore, born October 7, 1910, and Hugh Vaile, born January 9, 1918.

Grant S. Staub, M. D. Among the professions, the one making the most demands upon time, experience and study is that of medicine, and to make a success of his calling the physician must ever be ready to sacrifice all other interests for it. Dayton has a splendid galaxy of earnest, conscientious medical men, and in this category is found Dr. Grant S. Staub, who occupies a high place in his calling, both as a practitioner and an instructor. He was born at Spencerville, Ohio, February 8, 1865, and received his early education in the public schools, this being supplemented by courses at the Northern Ohio college at Ada and Lebanon university. He entered upon his career as a teacher, having rural classes in Auglaize and Allen counties, following which he embarked in the mercantile business at Middle Point. While there he began the study of medicine, and in 1896 was graduated from the Toledo Medical university with his degree. He began practice at Junction, Paulding county, Ohio, subsequently spending a short time at St. John's, Auglaize county. Next he pursued a course in surgery at the Chicago Policlinic, and in 1900 came to Dayton, where he was engaged in practice for four years. Returning to Chicago, he entered the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat hospital of that city, graduating with the class of 1904, and since that time has carried on a general practice at Dayton. A man of scholarly tastes and able to throw light on almost any subject connected with his profession, yet drawing from a rich fund of experience and ripened knowledge, he is also a man of rare sympathy, great kindness of heart and magnetic personality. He is a teacher of medicine and lecturer on hygiene and kindred subjects at Bonebrake seminary, Dayton, a work in which his early experience as an educator has been of great value to him. A close student, he is also an interested member of the Montgomery County Medical society, the Ohio State Medical society and the American Medical association, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias, Hope Lodge, No. 277, of which he is past chancellor, and the Masons, Dayton Lodge, No. 147, and Valley of Dayton, Scottish Rite. He likewise holds membership in the American Insurance union. May 20, 1891, Doctor Staub married Miss Olive Ferneau, of Paulding, Ohio, and they became the parents of three children: Irene, the wife of C. W. Foltz, of Boston, Mass.; Inez, who resides with her father and teaches special art at the Steele High school, Dayton, and Jessie, at home. The mother of these children died August 24, 1918.

Alonzo G. Stauter. The profession of law is one which attracts many young men of ambition when they enter upon the activities of life, and this field of effort has frequently furnished a rich opportunity for those who have been willing to labor indefatigably to overcome hardships, to make personal sacrifices and to use their talents to the utmost. The rewards in this calling, however, are few and far between, and are not to be acquired by those who are not able to meet all the requirements. Among the leaders in business and in some of the other professions there are to be found men of sterling character who would have succeeded probably in any

other line to which they decided to devote themselves, but in the profession of law there must be a natural inclination and this must be combined with hard, practical experience. Of the younger members of the bar of Dayton there are a number who have assumed positions of importance and recognized worth within a short period after their entrance into the calling. Few, however, there are who have come to the forefront with such rapidity as has Alonzo Stauter. In his career there have been found the necessary elements of success, and his continued industry, natural talent and inclination have served to place him in a substantial place although he has been a practitioner for but three years. Mr. Stauter was born at Springfield, Ohio, and was still a child when brought to Dayton by his parents. His father was a business man here, and the youth was sent to the public schools, where he applied himself diligently to his studies in order that he might have every advantage when he started preparing himself for the law. When he was ready for his professional work he started studying under the capable preceptorship of Judge Martin, of Dayton, who found him a willing, industrious and apt student who took a deep and abiding interest in his work, assimilated facts readily and retained them indefinitely. He was admitted to the bar in 1915 and began his practice immediately. With some young lawyers there is always a period of probation through which they must pass ere they get fairly started up the ladder of success, but Mr. Stauter was of an energetic nature that attracted clients, and ere long he had accumulated a good business, one that has continued to grow and develop in size and importance. He has a general practice and maintains well-appointed offices at No. 701 Reibold building. Mr. Stauter belongs to the Montgomery County Bar association and the Ohio State Bar association. He has taken part in several civic movements and is known in fraternal and club circles of Dayton, where he has numerous friends, as he has likewise in the ranks of his profession. In 1909 Mr. Stauter married Miss Harriett Barrett, of Dayton, and they have one son: Robert B., born in 1911.

Isaac Stern. Like thousands of other worthy men whose lot in their native country was one in which they could only see hard work and no reward commensurate to their labors, Isaac Stern, with the clear eyes of youth, saw in the western world a rainbow of promise. Transplanted from his native soil to the land of his dreams, he made progress, slow at first, but gaining in rapidity with the passing of the years, and today finds himself at the head of a large and prominent industry, the Stern Hat company, of Dayton, and the occupant of a position of prominence in the esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens. Isaac Stern was born in Bavaria, Germany, March 23, 1847, a son of Joseph Stern, and was a poor youth, with only a common school education when he emigrated to the United States. The sixteen-year-old lad, with no knowledge of the English language or of American customs, spent four years in New York City, and during that period of clerkship managed to save enough from his scanty earnings to go to Farmer City, Ill, and establish himself in a small dry goods and clothing business. For twenty years he continued in that community, but by 1888 was ready to enlarge the scope of his operations, and in that year came to Dayton, where he

started the "Golden Eagle" clothing store. Mr. Stern continued as the proprietor of this business until 1897, when he founded the Stern Hat company, retail hats and furnishings, at the corner of Fourth and Jefferson streets. In business with him was associated his sons, H. J. and S. H. Stern, and in 1902 they began to make a specialty of selling Mexican palm hats. The retail business, however, was disposed of in 1907, in which year the business became confined exclusively to the manufacture and sale of hats of all kinds, wholesale only, features of the product being caps and imported hats. Five salesmen are kept continually on the road, the territory of the house including Kentucky, West Virginia, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania and Tennessee. The business, which now has a large plant at No. 121 E. Third street, was incorporated in 1909 for $20,000, the officers being: Isaac Stern, president; H. J. Stern, vice-president, and Sidney Stern, secretary and treasurer. The founder of this business, during the more than thirty years in which he has been identified with commercial affairs, has ever maintained a reputation for strictly honorable dealing and for absolute fidelity to business engagements. He is a member of the Credit Men's association and of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, the United States Chamber of Commerce, the American Association of Wholesale Hatters, and is fraternally affiliated with Escol Lodge, Independent Order B'nai B'rith and Mystic Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Unity Chapter, R. A. M., likewise holding membership in the United Commercial Travelers. His religious faith is that of the Jewish church, of which he was secretary from 1893 to 1912. February 1, 1874, Mr. Stern was united in marriage with Adelaide, daughter of Siegfried Pfeiffer, a native of Bavaria, and she died April 6, 1918, leaving four children: Henry Joseph, Morris E., Milton C. and Sidney H., all of Dayton.

Milton C. Stern. In tracing the careers of individuals who have met with success in their undertakings in any community it will be found that all possess in common certain characteristics and qualities, prominent among which are included ambition, industry and persevering determination. To these, as in the case of Milton C. Stern, president of the Egry Register company, of Dayton, are added unswerving integrity, keen foresight and good judgment, the whole combining to produce a man of force, usefulness and undoubted achievement. Mr. Stern was born at Farmer City, Dewitt county, Ill., June 7, 1878, a son of Isaac Stern. His father brought the family to Dayton in 1888 and here engaged in business as proprietor of the retail establishment known as the Eagle Clothing store, but at the present time is a wholesale hat manufacturer. After attending the public schools of Dayton, Milton C. Stern prepared himself for a busines career by taking a course in the Miami Commercial college. His first leaning was toward the law, and for one and one-half years he studied in the offices of Gunckle & Rowe, and while he never entered the profession as a practitioner, the knowledge thus gained has since been of inestimable value to him in his business career in the deciding of some perplexing questions. In 1896 he turned his attention from a professional career to one in business, in that year entering the employ of the Egry Register

company, in the capacity of bookkeeper. His faithful, energetic and capable services were recognized in 1898 by his elevation to the post of assistant secretary, and in the following year he was made secretary, to the duties of which office he added those of treasurer in 1907. In 1915 he was elected president of the concern, an office which he still retains. Such careers are rare. Oftentimes it happens that a man will find a royal road to fortune through the influence of others or by the weight of his money, but for him to forge ahead and achieve distinction on the strength of his own merit, as Mr. Stern has done, requires something more than the ordinary ability and stamps a man indelibly as possessing unusual talent. The Egry Register company, the largest manufacturers of autographic registers in the world, was established in May, 1893, by W. L. Egry, president; and Leopold Rauh, secretary and treasurer. The business was incorporated for $6,000, and was located in the old Klee building, but subsequently was moved to Findlay street. In 1906 the officers became: Leopold Rauh, president; S. E. Rauh, vice-president; and M. C. Stern, secretary and treasurer. In 1907 the capital increased to $30,000, and in that same year the business was moved to East Monument avenue, where it is now located. In 1912 the capital was again increased, this time to $350,000, with the same officers, and in the 1915 elections the following were chosen: Milton C. Stern, president; S. E. Rauh, vice-president; and Elmer Rauh, secretary and treasurer. At the time the business was started, in 1893, the plant boasted of 4,000 square feet of floor space; today it has available 140,000 square feet. Another basis for comparison is the fact that the concern started with two models, while at the present time there are eighty models of all sizes. Employment is given to 350 people. Mr. Stern has various other business connections and interests. He is vice-president of the American Mechanical Toy company, a director in the Miami Tool and Die company, a director in the Stern Hat company, a director in the Monarch Engineering company, a director in American Finance and Investment company, and treasurer of the Elks building company. He is also active in civic organizations and is a member of the directing board of the Chamber of Commerce and belongs to the Dayton Rotary club. He is also a Mason and an Elk and belongs to the Standard club, while his religious connection is with the K. K. B. Y. temple.

Joseph B. Stewart, D. D. S. The city of Dayton, which may be allowed a pardonable degree of pride for the leadership which it has shown in various lines of activity, has for some years been distinguished by the high average of its members of the dental profession. To date, there are but three who have limited their practice to a dental specialty. Dr. Barclay, to Exodontia about 1918, Dr. Lewis, same, 1919, and Dr. Stewart to Orthodontia in 1907. Doctor Stewart was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, August 9, 1875, and received his early education in the public schools of that city. When he was still a lad he was taken by his parents to New York City, where he also attended public schools and this early instruction was followed by a course at Oberlin college, after which he enrolled as a student of the dental department of the University of Michigan,

at Ann Arbor. Graduated from that institution in the class of 1898, with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, he immediately embarked in practice at Cincinnati, but in the following year changed his residence and center of activities to Dayton, locating in Reibold building, where he has since attained high position in the ranks of his profession. Until 1907 he continued to follow his vocation as a general practitioner, but in the meantime had become intensely interested in orthodontia, that branch of dentistry treating of irregularity of the teeth and malformation of the jaws. Realizing the possibilities offered by specializing in this department, Doctor Stewart took a special course therein at the Angle School of Orthodontia, at St. Louis, Missouri, and since his graduation from that institution has made rapid strides as a specialist, being known as one of the leading Dayton orthodontists and a skilled and thorough practitioner in dental orthopedics. He is a valued member of the Miami Valley Dental association, the Northern Ohio Dental association, the Ohio State Dental association and the American Dental association, and of the Delta Sigma Delta fraternity, which he joined at the University of Michigan, and the Angle Alumni association. He is a Mason of the York and Scottish Rite degrees, and a Shriner, and holds membership in the Dayton Rotary club. He and Mrs. Stewart are members of the Westminster Presbyterian church. October 10, 1900, he married Mary, daughter of Elijah Chenoweth, of London, Ohio.

Jacob Stine, a well known resident of Perry township, whose home is near Lewisburg, is a native of Montgomery county, born in Jefferson township, May 21, 1852, a son of George and Margaret (Beachler) Stine. The father was a native of Maryland, born June 7, 1821, his parents being John and Catherine (Gilbert) Stine, who, in company with their three sons, came to Ohio in February, 1823, from their old home in Frederick county, Md. The journey was made in covered wagons and it was six weeks before they reached their destination, having spent one-half day in crossing the river at Wheeling, W. Va. That night the wagon was visited by robbers, and the $500 which he had saved from his earnings with which to purchase land was taken, leaving him with but $25 in his pocket. Nothing daunted, however, he determined to establish a home for himself and his family in Montgomery county, and his hopes and worthy ambitions were later realized. Shortly after his locating here, one of his sons died, and subsequently two sons and one daughter were born here, making six children who lived to marry and rear families of their own. Today his descendants number 222, and with the exception of fifty-three, all live in Montgomery county, forty-two being residents of Shelby county, Ind., two of Edinburg, Ind., and four somewhere in Illinois. Soon after his arrival at Dayton, which was then a very small place, he located on the ground now occupied by the National Soldiers' home, and a few years later purchased a small tract of land a few miles distant, where he reared his family. Most of his descendants have devoted themselves to agricultural pursuits. George Stine, the father of Jacob Stine, was married December 13, 1845, to Margaret Beachler, and they became the parents of eight children, namely: Sarah

E., born July 31, 1847; Mary M., born June 21, 1849; Jacob, born May 21, 1852; Margaret Ellen, born April 18, 1854; Amanda Catherine, born April 21, 1856; Malinda, born December 10, 1858; Lovina Rachel, born November 15, 1861; and George Monroe, born September 11, 1866. Jacob Stine was reared and educated in much the same way as other farmers' sons of his day and locality. Soon after reaching manhood, he was married, October 14, 1875, to Eliza Ann Fortney, who was born July 23, 1857, her parents being Samuel N. and Frances (Brooker) Fortney, residents of Jefferson township, Montgomery county. Mr. and Mrs. Stine have two children living, while one son, Charles Adam, born March 13, 1877, died July 19 of that year. Harvey Wilson, the second son, was born April 25, 1878, and married January 14, 1900, Bertha Ann Miller, who was born December 18, 1881. They have two daughters: Nina Marie, born August 14, 1901; and Erma Irene, born December 31, 1902. Harry Elmer, the youngest son of Jacob Stine, was born April 24, 1884, and was married May 22, 1903, to Edith Estelle Poe, whose birth occurred December 7, 1883. They have two sons: Everett Monroe, born November 28, 1904; and Jacob Lafayette, born December 31, 1905. Mr. Stine belongs to that class of men who are termed self-made, owing their success entirely to their own unaided efforts, their good business ability and sound judgment. He is public-spirited and progressive and takes an active interest in educational affairs, having served efficiently as school director for some time. He and his family are consistent members of the Lutheran church, and have the respect and esteem of all who know them.

Elmer E. Stockum. One of Dayton's native sons who has won his way to success in manufacturing circles of the city, is Elmer E. Stockum, now manager of the firm of Gustave Wiedeke & Co. During a career which started in an apprenticeship, Mr. Stockum has been identified with a number of business houses at Dayton and in his varied experience has formed acquaintances of an important character, in which he is known as a man of sound integrity and excellent ability. He was born at Dayton, Ohio, March 10, 1879, a son of John Stockum, who for many years followed the trade of carpenter at Dayton. His education was limited to attendance at the public schools, for the modest financial circumstances of the family, as well as his own ambitions, led to the decision that he should early become self-supporting. His first practical business experience came when he apprenticed himself to the engraving trade, in the engraving house of Brown & Croniger company, and when he had mastered his trade he joined the United Brethren Publishing company, with which he remained five years as an engraver. He had gradually won promotion through his industry, growing ability and fidelity to the interests of his house, and at the end of the period above noted was made foreman of the engraving department, remaining as such three years. His next promotion was to the position of general manager of the engraving department of the same concern, but resigned this latter post to become manager of the Dayton plant of the Lammers company, with which he was identified for two and one-half years.

From this concern he came to that of Gustav Wiedeke & Co., of which he has since been office manager. This enterprise was established in 1892 by Gustav Wiedeke, sr., located at No. 15 Van Lear street, to manufacture tube expanders and tube cutters for making, repairing and the maintenance of all types of steam boilers. In 1904 the business was moved to Nos. 1833-1903 Richard street, East, where there had been built a new plant, 40x80 feet, two floors in height, with additions under consideration. Fifty people are given employment, and the product of the company finds a ready and constant demand all over the United States, Canada, Europe, Australia, South America and Cuba. The present officers of the concern are: Gustav Wiedeke, president; Otto H. Wiedeke, general superintendent and vice-president; Bertha Wiedeke, secretary; and Elmer E. Stockum, office manager. During the period of the United States' participation in the great war, the company was engaged 100 per cent in war production. During the time he has been identified with this firm Mr. Stockum has won the confidence of his associates and proved his executive capacity and general ability. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and he and Mrs. Stockum belong to the Memorial Reformed church. March 21, 1900, Mr. Stockum was married to Miss Margaret May Potter, daughter of Chester Potter, of Watertown, N. Y. To this union there has been born one son: Ernest John.

Clarence J. Stoecklein. The average maintained by the legal profession of the city of Dayton has always been considered high, and of recent years standards have been particularly so. The recent great growth and development of the city resulting in the addition of many important issues and the bringing forward of new issues, have created an awakened demand for the services of men of bright minds and specialized learning in the straightening out of complexities, and the outcome has been that Dominant Dayton now boasts of some of the best minds in the profession. Among the younger members of the bar of Dayton who have of late years arisen to prominent and distinctive place in their calling, Clarence J. Stoecklein is deserving of mention. During a period of less than five years, he has demonstrated his ability in no uncertain manner, and has attracted a large important clientele. Like many other attorneys of Dayton, Mr. Stoecklein is a native of this city and here has spent his entire career with the exception of a short time spent at college. He was born November 23, 1889, a son of Valentine L. Stoecklein, and after attending the public schools was a student at Saint Mary's college of Dayton, where he was a member of the graduating class of 1908. He had decided upon the law as his profession, and after some further preparation matriculated at the Cincinnati Law school, being graduated with the class of 1914. However, prior to this, in December, 1913, he had successfully passed his examination and had been admitted to the bar. After leaving college, to which he had returned to finish his course and secure his degree of Bachelor of Laws, he came back to Dayton and entered at once the active practice of his calling. He has since been engaged therein, and has had no associations, preferring

to follow an independent career. His practice is general in character, and he appears in all the courts, where he has been concerned in many important matters of litigation, having been retained as counsel by a number of important interests here. Mr. Stoecklein still continues a profound student of his calling, is a supporter of its best ethics, and a valued member of the Montgomery County Bar association, the Ohio Bar association and the Lawyers' club of Dayton. He has given his assistance to a number of civic movements and is accounted a public-spirited and useful citizen. Mr. Stoecklein married Miss Mary F. Kinninger, of Dayton, daughter of the late Joseph Kinninger of this city.

Arthur C. Stolz. Perhaps there is no better known name in the field of stationery and school supplies manufacture than that of Reynolds & Reynolds company. The products of this concern have had a ready sale throughout the country for more than a half century, during which period several successive generations of school children have been furnished with the highest grade of supplies it is possible to manufacture, while the company itself has grown and developed and established a reputation for integrity than which there is none better in its field of activity. This business originated in the capable minds of father and son, R. Reynolds and L. D. Reynolds, who, in 1866, started in a modest way to manufacture stationery and all kinds of paper products. Their venture met with almost immediate success, and in 1866 the business was incorporated for $125,000; with L. D. Reynolds, president; G. W. Shaw, vice-president; and R. L. Hughes, secretary and treasurer. The plant was located at the corner of Second and Jefferson streets, and as the years passed and the trade continued to grow and flourish under capable management and an honest business policy, additions were repeatedly made to both equipment and working staff, the result being that today the company owns a modern, well-equipped factory on Dudley street, in which there are employed some 250 skilled men and women. The product now embraces stationery and school supplies, which are distributed to every part of the United States, there being sixty salesmen on the staff. In 1913 the death of L. D. Reynolds, who had so long and so honorably filled the office of president, necessitated a change in the list of officers, and at that time E. S. Reynolds became president; F. S. Reynolds, vice-president; and A. C. Stolz, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Stolz, who has passed his entire business career with the concern which he now represents, is an exemplification of the self-made man. He is a product of Montgomery county, O., where he was born March 1, 1872, a son of William G. Stolz, and received his educational training in the public schools of Dayton and at Wilt's Business college of this city. His first employment was as a stenographer with the Reynolds & Reynolds company, a position in which he was able to demonstrate his industry and ability, and he soon was promoted to assistant bookkeeper and then to head bookkeeper. From this position it was but a step to that of assistant secretary, and about 1905 he ascended to the secretary-treasurership, and when the new officers were elected, in 1913, he was retained in that capacity. Mr. Stolz may be said to

have been an important factor in the success of the business, and his associates place the utmost faith in his judgment, foresight and general ability to handle matters of weighty importance. He has various other interests, and is vice-president of the Comer Manufacturing company of Dayton. While he allies himself with civic bodies formed to promote the general welfare, and with worthy social organizations, his business forms his chief interest, and to it he gives the greater part of his attention. Mr. Stolz married Miss Lyda B. Fallis, daughter of Isaac Fallis, of Montgomery county, O.

William L. Stonebarger, jr., secretary and treasurer of the Troy-Pearl Laundry company, of Dayton, an organization of financial strength and of city-wide reputation, is a business man of ability and force. He was born at Medway, Ohio, February 13, 1873, a son of William L. Stonebarger, who came to Dayton in May, 1889, and engaged in the drug business at the corner of Jefferson and Fifth streets, and is now retired. After attending the public schools of Tippecanoe City, Ohio, William L. Stonebarger the younger, secured a position on the old Dayton Herald, with which publication he remained for five years, then going to Indianapolis and contributing his services to the Indianapolis News for two years. Deserting the field of journalism, he returned to Dayton and for four years was identified with the treasurer's department of the National Cash Register company. In 1907, Mr. Stonebarger entered the laundry business as secretary and treasurer of the Troy-Pearl Laundry company, a position which he has since retained. This company is a consolidation of the Pearl-American and Troy laundries, the latter having been formerly the Reed-Kelly company and the oldest laundry in Dayton, established about 1884. The present concern was established in February, 1905, by Thomas A. Selz, president; John A. Reed, vice-president; F. P. Hass, secretary; and Thomas A. Selz, treasurer. The business was incorporated for $150,000, and the present building, at Nos. 10 to 32 Ziegler street, was erected, this large plant having 86,000 square feet of floor space, with the very latest modern machinery installed. The company does hotel work, regular laundry work, family washing, towel supply work and dry cleaning, and for the last-named has a complete dry cleaning plant. One hundred and seventy-five people are employed and the company's wagons cover nineteen routes. The present officers of the company are: Charles Selz, president and general manager; W. H. Hyers, vice-president; and W. L. Stonebarger, jr., secretary and treasurer. Mr. Stonebarger is prominent in business circles of Dayton, where he is treasurer of the Dayton Retail Merchants association as well as a member of the Chamber of Commerce. His fraternal affiliations include membership in the Elks and the Knights of Columbus, and his religious connection is with the Corpus Christi Catholic church. October 26, 1900, Mr. Stonebarger was married to Clara M., daughter of Charles and Julia Selz, of Dayton. She died August 1, 1908, leaving three children: Helen Louise, at Notre Dame Convent, Cincinnati; and Charles W. and Ruth M., at home. October 16, 1912, Mr. Stonebarger married Euphemia C., daughter of Benjamin Schieble, of Miamisburg, Ohio.

Walter Austin Stoneham, secretary and treasurer of the Farrell, Stoneham & Thompson company, of Dayton, is one of the reliable men who is utilizing his energies as a contracting engineer. He was born at Guelph, Ontario, Canada, October 28, 1884, but was brought to the United States in boyhood, and reared at Dayton, where he attended the public schools. Early becoming self-supporting, he entered the employ of Davis Sewing Machine company, as a tool maker's apprentice, and remained there for four years, leaving to go with the National Cash Register company as a tool maker. After six years with the latter company, Mr. Stoneham was for another six years with the Delco company as a tool maker, finally becoming a designer. For the subsequent three years he was head of the main tool supply. Mr. Stoneham was then made representative for Dayton-Wright Airplane company, and for another three months, he was tool representative for the Nordyke Marmon company of Indianapolis, Ind. In April, 1918, he, J. P. Farrell and William Thompson incorporated the Farrel, Stoneham & Thompson company, with a capital of $6,000.00, the original officials being as follows: W. A. Thompson, president; J. P. Farrell, vice-president and general manager; and W. A. Stoneham, secretary and treasurer. January 1, 1919, Messrs. Farrell and Stoneham bought out Mr. Thompson's interest, but have not changed the style of the company. Mr. Stoneham retained his original office, and Mr. Farrel became president and continues as general manager. Both men are practical workmen, and understand every detail of their business. Their salesmen cover the entire United States, the business being tool engineering, designing, etc. Mr. Stoneham was married to Bessie M. Rogers, a daughter of Andrew Rogers of Dayton, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Stoneham have one son, Roger. The Engineers' club holds Mr. Stoneham's membership, and he is interested in its activities. Already this company is showing a healthy increase in business, and judging by the standing and practical skill of the officials, bids fair to develop into one of the leading concerns of its kind in the state.

Charles Everett Storer, D. D. S. While he is a newcomer to the professional equpiment of the thriving city of Germantown, Ohio, Dr. Charles Everett Storer has already impressed himself upon his new fellow-townsmen as a man of practical ability, professional skill and personal integrity, which leads to the belief that this practitioner of dentistry has before him a bright and promising future. He is a native of the little community of Peebles, Adams county, Ohio, where he was born February 12, 1883, and where his early education was procured in the public schools, after which he taught in the schools of Adams county for eight years. Having decided upon a professional career, Doctor Storer attended the Cincinnati College of Dental Surgery, graduating with the class of 1914, and the degree of D. D. S., and for the next four years was engaged in practice at Seaman, Ohio. While he was successful in the acquirement of a paying clientele, Doctor Storer desired a broader field for the presentation of his professional abilities, and accordingly, in June, 1918, located at Germantown, where he has since been successful in demonstrating his professional equip-

ment and in building up a representative practice. He has already become popular with the people of his community and has shown a desire to take part in the various activities which make up the life of the city. He belongs to several professional bodies, and is fraternally affiliated with the Knights of Pythias Lodge at Peebles. July 12, 1910, Doctor Storer was united in marriage with Grace, daughter of S. D. Clark, of Peebles, and they are the parents of two bright and interesting children: Russell and Vernon.

Oliver Graham Stout, D. O. Of the professional men of Dayton, and one who believes that Osteopathy teaches that there is nothing higher than Truth, and that there can be no conflict between this art and the proven facts of science, is Dr. Oliver Graham Stout, who has been engaged in practice at Dayton since 1901. He was born in Madison county, Ohio, August 25, 1877, a son of Abram C. Stout, and attended the public schools of his native locality, and Antioch college, Yellow Springs, Ohio. Becoming interested in the subject of Osteopathy, he took a course in the American School of Osteopathy, at Kirksville, Mo., from which he was graduated in June, 1901, with the degree of D. O. Going to Xenia, Ohio, he took over the practice of Doctor McCartney, but after two months returned to Dayton, where he has since built up a large practice. In October, 1901, he located in offices at Nos. 505-6-7 Conover building, where he still remains, sharing these offices, but not his practice, with another osteopathic physician, Dr. Paul A. Greathouse. Doctor Stout's training included instructions in classroom, laboratories, clinics and at the bedside, including anatomy, physiology, chemistry, histology, pathology, bacteriology, diagnosis, physics, biology, embryology, obstetrics, gynecology, dietetics, major and minor surgery, etc., which with his long and varied experience, has combined to make him a thoroughly efficient practitioner. He is a careful student of his science and an interested and active member of the Dayton District Osteopathic society, the Cincinnati Osteopathic association, the Miami Valley Osteopathic association, the State Osteopathic society, of which he is ex-president, and the American Osteopathic association. He holds membership also in the Rotary, Dayton Bicycle, Dayton City and Mystic clubs and is a York Rite and Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine.

George Elmer Strahler, M. D. Among those men whose names have figured prominently in the medical profession at Dayton during recent years and whose labors have proved most valuable and effective in private practice is George Elmer Strahler, M. D., whose career is typical of modern progress and advancement. Doctor Strahler was born at Dayton, July 23, 1885, a son of Louis and Louisa (Mentel) Strahler, residents of Dayton, where both were born, and where Louis Strahler is engaged in business as a decorator. After attending the graded schools and graduating from Steele high school, George E. Strahler spent two years in the employ of the National Cash Register company, and following this entered the medical department of the University of Indiana, at Indianapolis. He graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1909, and immediately began practice at Dayton, and located at No. 1225

Wayne avenue. His professional service has ever been discharged with a keen sense of conscientious obligation and his skill is evidenced through results which have followed his labors. Doctor Strahler belongs to the various organizations of his profession, and is fraternally affiliated with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Tribe of Ben Hur, in all of which he has numerous friends. He was married July 3, 1905, to Claudia, daughter of Arthur Lamme, of Dayton, and they have had four children: Mahlon, who is deceased; and Ruth Marie, Esther Louise and Martha Naomi, at home. Doctor and Mrs. Strahler are members of the Oak Street United Brethren church, in which the Doctor serves as superintendent of the Sunday school.

Leonard E. Stutsman, M. D. Upon the list of medical and surgical practitioners of Dayton who have made rapid strides in their profession during recent years, appears prominently the name of Dr. Leonard E. Stutsman, who has been engaged in practice here since 1916, with the exception of the time that he spent in the U. S. service. Doctor Stutsman was born at Dayton, April 24, 1893, a son of David C. and Julia A. (Pfitzmeyer) Stutsman, and received his early education in the public schools of this city. Following his graduation from the Steele high school, he entered the Ohio State university, and was graduated in 1915 from the medical department with the degree of M. D. From July 1, 1915, to July 1, 1916, he served as interne in the Miami Valley hospital, and then entered practice at Dayton, in association with Dr. William A. Ewing, with whom he remained until September 1, 1917. Taking up practice alone at that time, he was making rapid strides, when, February 3, 1918, he entered the service of the United States Army Medical Corps, surgery branch, and was commissioned a first lieutenant. When he was mustered out of the service, December 9, 1918, he returned to Dayton, where he has since been engaged in general practice as a physician and surgeon, with a clientele which is increasing in a gratifying manner. He maintains well-appointed offices at No. 820 Medical building, and is a member of the Montgomery County Medical society, the Ohio State Medical society and the American Medical association. He is on the junior surgical staff of the Miami Valley hospital. As a fraternalist he is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and belongs to the Gamma Chapter, Ohio State university, of the Phi Chi medical fraternity.

Charles Fred Sucher, sr., one of the leading packers of Dayton, is one who has made a success of his activities in the packing industry at Dayton. He and his wife, Amelia (Kimmig) Sucher, were natives of Germany who came to the United States as young people. Mr. Sucher had received only ordinary educational advantages in the land of his birth, where he learned the trade of butcher, but as opportunities did not seem to be plentiful he sought his fortune in America. Upon his arrival in this country, he took up his residence in Cincinnati where he established, several years later, a modest sausage manufacturing business. This business he conducted until 1881, and then removed to Dayton. Here he established himself

in the packing business, also in a small way, and through his earnest industry, thrifty management, fair dealing with the trade, and wise investment brought his business into prominence and himself into public confidence, still continuing as president of the company and highly respected in business circles. He is the father of six children: Charles F., jr.; Joseph; Louis A.; Herman V.; Bernard, deceased; and Frank, also deceased. Charles Fred Sucher, jr., was educated in the public schools and St. Mary's college, and began his business career in the packing industry as his father's assistant. When he had sufficient experience and was able to display good business judgment he was admitted to membership in the firm and assumed the duties of vice-president and manager of the Charles Sucher Packing company. Although he came into a business already organized and prosperous, at the outset of his career it was necessary that he overcome a number of obstacles, which he did and thereby established his own position as a man of fine abilities and high principles. He was born at Cincinnati on February 16, 1880, is a member of St. John's Catholic church and fraternally belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the Loyal Order of Moose. He was married on September 5, 1902, to Gertrude, daughter of John and Maria (Silsoe) Shue, of Dayton, and they are the parents of one daughter: Miss Amelia, who is attending school.

Charles L. Sullivan, jr., vice-president of the Thresher Varnish company, has furnished in his career another instance of continued service with and consecutive advancement in the employ of one concern. This energetic young business man of Dayton took a position with this company immediately upon his entrance in business life, and his connection with the company has been so mutually agreeable and profitable that neither he nor his employers have ever contemplated or considered a change. Mr. Sullivan was born at Dayton, November 29, 1886, a son of Charles L. and Anna (Wait) Sullivan. His father was born at Silver Creek, Pa., but as a young man came to Dayton, where he had a successful career in merchandising and is now living in comfortable retirement. He was married here, Mrs. Sullivan being a native of Dayton, and she also survives. Charles L. Sullivan attended the public schools of Dayton, and after his graduation from the Steele high school entered the University of Chicago, from which institution he was duly graduated with the class of 1911. At that time he secured employment as a salesman with the Thresher Varnish company, of this city, in the employ of which concern he has continued to the present time. After five years of successful salesmanship on the road, with his territory in Illinois, Mr. Sullivan was made sales manager in 1916, and has continued as such to the present time. During the period of his incumbency he has been able to greatly increase the efficiency of his department and therefore to add to the success and prestige of the firm which he represents and the product of which is known throughout the country, although more especially in the Miami valley and the surrounding states. Mr. Sullivan is a Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner, and belongs to the Dayton club and the Dayton Country club, and to the Illinois Athletic club of Chicago. With his family, he belongs to Grace Methodist Epis-

copal church. Mr. Sullivan was married November 7, 1912, to Miss Fay Louise Hopkins, daughter of H. C. Hopkins, of Dayton, a sketch of whose career will be found elsewhere in this work. To this union there has been born one daughter: Dorothy Lee.

Willard D. Sullivan. There are few cities in the world which offer such unsurpassed opportunities for the development of men and large business interests as Dayton, taking everything into consideration. Of the men who have made good use of the opportunities to be found here and who have thereby gained positions of prominence and influence, one of the best known is Willard D. Sullivan, vice-president and general manager of the big Barney & Smith Car works. Since the start of his career Mr. Sullivan has been identified with this huge manufacturing plant, in which he has worked his way up through the various departments until he is now practically the directing head of the entire business. Mr. Sullivan was born at Indianapolis, Ind., July 27, 1874, a son of William H. Sullivan. He received his education in the public schools of Osborn, Ohio, and after his graduation from the high school there was variously employed until January 4, 1892, when he came to Dayton and secured employment in the Barney & Smith Car works, as assistant in the stores department. Mr. Sullivan remained in that capacity until September 1, 1893, when he entered the Miami Commercial college, where he took a business course. Being duly graduated, he accepted the position of timekeeper with his former company. From that position he was duly advanced to the post of paymaster, and later he was made traffic manager, from which position it was a step to the office of purchasing agent. His promotions continued, until he was made vice-president of the company, and later operating as general manager. Mr. Sullivan's career has been illustrative of the rewards to be secured through a career of industry, fidelity and straightforward dealing, and contains something of an encouraging nature for the youth who is entering upon his business life with naught but his own resources to aid him in his struggles for a foothold upon the ladder of success. Like other big business men of worth and standing, Mr. Sullivan has at various times allied himself with enterprises which have had for their object the betterment of civic conditions. He belongs to the Dayton City club and to the Greater Dayton association, and as a fraternalist has reached the thirty-second Scottish Rite degree in Masonry and is a member of the Mystic Shrine. He was married December 10, 1902, to Grace Douglass, daughter of Thomas Douglass, of Dayton. Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan are members of the Memorial Presbyterian church.

Willard E. Talbot. In naming the more prominent representatives of the oil refining business at Dayton, prominent mention should be made of Willard E. Talbot, secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Refiners Oil company. In addition to being one of the successful young business men of the city who have forged rapidly to the front during recent years, there is interest attaching to Mr. Talbot's name, in that he was connected during the great war with the most romantic branch of the United States Army service, the aviation corps. Mr. Talbot was born at Omaha,

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Nebr., June 23, 1892, a son of Nathan O. Talbot. His early education was furnished by the public schools of his native city, following which he attended Creighton University of Omaha, and William Jewell college, Liberty, Mo. Early evidencing a natural aptitude for the business which he has made his life work, he formed a connection with the National Refining company, of his native city, this relation being severed after two and one-half years. Mr. Talbot at that time accepted an advantageous offer made by R. S. King, and was installed as sales manager for the local branch of that concern at Lincoln, Nebr., remaining one year. In December, 1914, he came to Dayton, where he began his work with the Refiners Oil company, and became general manager of that concern. He continued to act in this capacity with excellent ability until October, 1917, when he was accepted into the United States Army service as a lubrication engineer. He performed the tasks of this position with fidelity to duty for eight months, and was then transferred to the aviation branch, with the rank of second lieutenant, and for six months engaged in flying. Receiving his honorable discharge after the armistice had been signed, he was mustered out of service December 4, 1918, and returned to his former firm, the Refiners Oil company, with which he has since continued, in the triple capacity of secretary, treasurer and general manager. Mr. Talbot is one of the wide-awake and energetic men of his community, is thoroughly conversant with every angle of the business with which he is connected, and has to the fullest extent the confidence and esteem of his business associates. He belongs to the First Baptist church, and holds membership in the Kiwanis club, the Jovian Order, the Kappa Alpha fraternity of William Jewell college, and the Y. M. C. A. of Dayton, and is a member of the Miami Valley Golf club, Aero Club of Dayton and the Kurt-Te-Se club.

Harry E. Talbott, president of the Dayton Metal Products company, and chairman of the board of The Dayton-Wright Airplane company, of Dayton, Ohio, is a master builder, and was one of the potent factors in the victory of the United States and its allies during the great World war. A native of Ohio, born at Cincinnati, July 4, 1860, he is a son of John Litler Talbott, who has been spared to live to see the great achievements of his son in his numerous activities and his industrial contribution towards the successful conclusion of the war. The elder Mr. Talbott is a resident of Dayton at the present writing and resides in the Talbott household. He was for many years prominently known in financial circles of Cincinnati and retired from active business several years ago. The mother of Harry E. Talbott, the late Sarah (Elstner) Talbott, was a daughter of John Elstner of Cincinnati. Harry Elstner Talbott was educated in the public schools of Cincinnati and subsequently entered Cincinnati university, taking a course in engineering, which he finished in 1880. He then secured a position with the Kentucky Central railway in their engineering department, doing railroad construction also for the Cincinnati Northern for a period of two years. In 1883, he accepted a position as division engineer with the Northern Pacific railroad, at St. Paul, of which Henry Villard was president, and

while there accomplished much pioneer work as a locating engineer in the Dakotas and Montana with headquarters at Butte, in the latter state. In 1887, he entered the service of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern railway (Outer Belt) at Chicago, as assistant chief engineer, after which he became principal assistant engineer of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, remaining in that position until 1891, when he retired from railroading, having determined to enter upon the practice of his profession on his own account. With that object in view, he went to Dayton, in 1892, and opened a contract engineering office and there began his career as a master builder, and the foundation of his future life was successfully laid. Making a specialty of bridge construction, within a short time his work was recognized and he extended the field of his operations to the far northwest, where his first notable work was the building of the movable dam in the rapids of the Sault Ste. Marie, later constructing a branch of the Algoma Central railway in Ontario, Canada, followed by the building of the Algoma Steel plant. It was here that Mr. Talbott did what many would have called an impossible thing. Into the almost impassable forest, with its mountains and rivers, he took 1,200 men and, entering the tract in October, emerged therefrom, the road completed, the following May; working indefatigably, holding his men together in weather ranging from zero to fifty degrees below, and with the nearest telegraph fifty-six miles distant. This proved the man who has always surmounted difficulties, because doing things well without allowing obstructions to dismay him has been his greatest aim. Combining to an unusual degree the capabilities and talents of the construction and civil engineer with the faculty of holding his men by sheer force of his optimism and personality, Harry Elstner Talbott has gained an enviable reputation for strength of character and splendid achievement. It was as a construction engineer that he began the work that has made him famous the country over, from the time that he built a dam and locks in the Kentucky river and at Brownsville, Pa., on through the period when he extended his operations to the northwest, where in Ontario he was at the head of important enterprises. In this connection, following his Algoma achievement, he turned his attention to the contracting for pulp and paper industries of which there are very large ones in Canada, and a notable achievement was the building of the Lake Superior Paper company plant, the site of which was in a practical wilderness. This work he began August 11, 1911, and completed the plant which was in full operation within eleven months. He next built the water power development for the Laurentide Pulp and Paper company plant at Quebec, and during the same period of two years completed the Donacona Paper company plant of Quebec, this latter corporation owned by United States capital. During the dreadful days of the Dayton flood in 1913, Mr. Talbott rendered great service in alleviating the condition and was at that time appointed by the governor as a colonel of engineers. In this capacity he had full charge of the cleaning of the city, for which mountainous task under existing conditions, he brought 5,000 men from Chicago, and in a remarkably short space of time had removed one hundred and twenty thousand tons of

debris. While the city was under martial law and during the rehabilitation period, he devoted all of his time, ability and energy to the work. Shortly after the outbreak of the war he entered into a contract through J. P. Morgan & Company for the purpose of manufacturing detonating fuses for high explosive shells, and for that project a large factory was built at Dayton, where the work was begun under the name of The Dayton Metal Products company, the largest concern of its kind in the United States, and producing more than 6,000,000 fuses which were supplied to the British and Russian governments—and all made at Dayton. With him in this important work were associated E. A. Deeds, C. F. Kettering and H. E. Talbott, jr. E. A. Deeds sold his interest to Talbott & Kettering. After the United States entered the war, this company took over all of the stock and financed the Dayton-Wright Airplane company, with Orville Wright as the consulting engineer. They at once began building airplanes for the government, completing and delivering over 4,000, of which 3,000 were battle planes, being more than double the number constructed by the combined output of all other makers. This number did not include the hydro-aeroplanes made for the United States navy. The McCook Aviation Field, at Dayton, of over 200 acres, is owned by the Dayton Metal Products company. The Dayton-Wright company Aviation Field at Moraine City, Ohio, is owned by that company, and there all airplanes are thoroughly tested and tried out before the deliveries are made. During the period of activity of the war, 11,000 persons were employed, and at the time of the signing of the armistice they were turning out thirty battle planes daily. The Dayton Metal Products company also owns The Dayton Research laboratories where are employed fifty metallurgists, chemists and electrical engineers who are continually in search of improvements and alert to develop scientifically any invention or process that will be useful. Recently the factories, etc., were merged into the General Motors Company of the United States. Throughout his career, Colonel Talbott has led his men through the force of his earnestness and devotion to duty, and his ability to do the important things without neglecting the smaller has made him a power in the engineering world. His works are those which keep in mind the constructionist and never-failing enthusiasm of the scientific engineer, and his many achievements bring him continually the sincere admiration of those who work for and with him. Colonel Talbott is president of the Dayton Metal Products company, chairman of the board of directors of the Dayton-Wright Airplane company, chairman of the board of directors of the Mead Pulp & Paper company, and chairman of the City National bank of Dayton. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Engineers club of New York, the Bankers club of New York, the Dayton club, Rotary club and Buz Fuz club of Dayton. June 7, 1887, he married Katharine, daughter of George W. Houk, and to this union there have been born nine children: H. E. jr., Daisy (Talbott) Greene, Lily (Talbott) Hilton, Nelson Strowbridge, Elsie (Talbott) Mead, Marianna (Talbott) Hilliard, Eliza Thruston, Katharine H., and Margaret Stoddard. Major H. E. Talbott, jr., has been closely associated with his father for eight

years and is a graduate of Yale. He inherits his father's genius and is actively identified with all of the important enterprises with which he is officially connected. In October, 1918, General Harbord cabled Secretary Baker for an able executive to take charge of the Aeroplane Depot in France. Secretary Baker selected Mr. Talbott for the position, commissioned him major, and Major Talbott was all ready to sail for France when the armistice was signed. Major Nelson Talbott had better luck. He was fortunate in being commissioned a major in field artillery and served in France, returning after the close of the war to Dayton, where he is also associated in the business of his father. During his college career at Yale he was famed as an athlete, and selected by Walter Camp as an All-American tackle, and was captain of the varsity football team of 1913, as well as president of the Honor society, two distinctive honors that every student strives ardently to attain.

Frank B. Talmage. A recognized factor in the business life of Dayton in the manufacturing line, is Frank B. Talmage, who is vice-president of the Underwood-Talmage company of this city. He came to Dayton when not long out of school, and through energy and progressive spirit, has won a substantial place in commercial circles here. Frank B. Talmage was born at Middletown, Ohio, June 29, 1880, a son of George B. Talmage, with whom he was associated first in a grocery business, coming to Dayton in 1900. Later he became a commercial traveler and in that capacity covered a wide territory and gained much practical business experience that has been very helpful to him in his present business, the manufacture of confectionery and chewing gum. The Underwood-Talmage company has built up a large and increasing business, and being well financed, as well as ably officered, and with a modern plant and up to date facilities of every kind, has become established as a leading concern in its line in the state. June 30, 1906, Mr. Talmage married Louise S., daughter of Henry Amand, of Dayton, and they have two sons: Charles O. and Frank M. Mr. Talmage is a thirty-second degree Mason and a Shriner, and belongs also to the Knights of Pythias.

Truman Edward Talmage. A practical, thoroughgoing business man of Dayton, is found in Truman Edward Talmage, sales manager of the Underwood-Talmage company of this city. He was born at Middletown, Ohio, December 5, 1881, and obtained a public school education in the city of his birth. His first business experience was in association with his father, George B. Talmage, in the confectionery line, following which he came to the big manufacturing firm of Underwood-Talmage company as sales manager. Mr. Talmage is an excellent example of the modern young American business man, able to see and ready to seize and utilize every fair business opportunity, at the same time being conscientious and honest in carrying out every contract. May 26, 1909, Mr. Talmage married Miss Lucy Ella, a daughter of Byron Ayers, of Lewisburg, Ohio, and they have three children: Margaret, Robert Ayers and George Byron. Mr. Talmage is a Scottish-Rite Mason, having attained the thirty-second degree, and belongs also to the Mystic Shrine. Additionally he has membership with the Knights of

Pythias, the United Commercial Travelers and the Noontide club.

Paul W. Tappan, M. D. The eminent son of a distinguished father, Dr. Paul W. Tappan is maintaining the reputation for successful accomplishment along professional lines that has attached to the family name, and is at this time accounted one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Dayton. For the past eleven years he has figured prominently in his profession at Dayton, and has manifested throughout his career a high standard of ethics and honorable principles; while, as a man of skill and capability, he has risen in the ranks of his calling, deservedly winning the high awards in honors and patronage that have come to him. Doctor Tappan was born at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, July 28, 1877, a son of David S. Tappan, Ph.D., D.D., former president of Miami university, of Oxford, Ohio, but now living a retired life at Los Angeles, Cal. After attending the public schools of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and Portsmouth, Ohio, Dr. Paul W. Tappan went to Wooster university, where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, and from which institution he was graduated in 1899 with the degree of B. A. His medical studies were pursued at Miami Medical university, where he joined Alpha Kappa Kappa medical fraternity, and in the class of 1902 was graduated with his cherished degree of M. D. His first practical professional experience was secured while acting as assistant superintendent of the Dayton State hospital, a position which he held until 1908, and in that year opened offices and engaged in a private practice, which has grown and developed into large and important proportions. During this time he has won recognition as a well trained and able member of his profession, and is thoroughly abreast of the progress made in medical science. Doctor Tappan maintains well-appointed offices on the ninth floor of the Fidelity Medical building, carrying on a general medical and surgical practice and specializing to a certain extent in mental diseases. He has displayed a dignified capability along educational lines, but feels that his professional interests and duties are paramount in his life. For four years he was a member of St. Elizabeth's hospital surgical staff, and at various times has had other important connections. He stands high in the confidence of his clientele, as well as in the estimation of his co-laborers in the field of medicine and surgery, who have honored him in the past by election to the office of president of the Dayton Academy of Medicine. His membership in the Montgomery County Medical society, the Ohio State Medical society and the American Medical association is a source of great benefit and interest, as well as pleasure, to him. Aside from the college organizations noted above, Doctor Tappan's fraternal affiliations are with the Masons, in which body he has attained the thirty-second Scottish Rite degree and the Shriners. He is also a member of the Acacia Masonic club, the Y. M. C. A., the Miami Valley Golf club and Dayton City club. His public spirit finds an outlet in his active work as a member of the Greater Dayton association. Doctor Tappan was married March 30, 1911, to Miss Anna Poock, daughter of Louis H. Poock, of Dayton, a sketch of whose career will be found in the review of Oscar Poock, elsewhere in this work. Doctor and Mrs. Tappan have one daughter: Anna Wilhelmina.

William A. Thompson. The business sense in some individuals is developed in remarkable degree and through it they reach positions not to be attained by those who try to control affairs for which they have no apitude. It is generally recognized by business men that no one reaches success who works against his natural inclinations, and at a time when competition is so strenuous men need every assistance that developed talent can give in order to take profitable advantage of offered opportunities and to be able to develop legitimate business chances. This is especially true at Dayton, where, although the field of operation is broad, the rivalry is intense, and he who distances his fellows must be prepared in every way to put forth the best efforts that lie within his power. In this connection, it may be said that the success of William A. Thompson, secretary and treasurer of the North Side Tool company, is a legitimate one, for, from the start of his career, he has been identified with the same line of business, and all his abilities have been trained along that line. Mr. Thompson is a Daytonian by nativity, born September 23, 1887, a son of Samuel Thompson, a native of Ireland and now a retired resident of Dayton. William A. Thompson was given the advantages of attendance at the public schools of Dayton, his education being completed at the Steele High school. His apprenticeship to the tool maker's trade was served in the plant of the Dayton Screw company, and subsequently he was employed in the Delco plant. Later, he was with the Computing Scale company, leaving that concern to enter the service of the North Dayton Machine and Tool company. There he became acquainted with two other young men, George Serapin and Curt R. Miller, ambitious and progressive, like himself, and the three, in March, 1916, formed a partnership in the organization of the North Side Tool company, with a plant on Air street. The business proved a success from the start, and October 31, 1917, the concern was incorporated for $20,000, with Mr. Serapin as president; Mr. Miller as vice-president; and Mr. Thompson as secretary and treasurer. The new factory at 17 N. Maryland avenue was erected and occupied at the time of the incorporation, this being a well-equipped factory with 50,000 square feet of floor space, in which was installed special machinery for the manufacture of jigs, dies, fixtures, tools, amplifying gauges, etc. Thirty-five people are given employment. As secretary and treasurer of this concern Mr. Thompson has displayed marked business acumen, and his thorough knowledge of every detail of the business has been one of the main factors in its success. Mr. Thompson is a Mason and has reached the thirty-second degree, Scottish Rite, being also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He likewise belongs to the Knights of Pythias, and has numerous friends in both orders. October 14, 1910, Mr. Thompson was married to Miss Ada M. Norris, a daughter of Frederick Norris, of Dayton, and they are the parents of two sons: Cecil Raymond and William A., jr.

S. Henry Thomson. In the development of business conditions in any community, large or small, the individual who is capable of looking ahead and ferreting out a strategic situation or opportunity is entitled to claiming a victory as surely as he who cunningly secures advantage in martial strife. It was through his

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ability to note the coming demand for a certain kind of manufactured article that led S. Henry Thomson of Dayton into the business in which he has since gained such prosperity, and which has resulted in the big enterprise known as the S. H. Thomson Manufacturing company. Mr. Thomson is a Daytonian by nativity and was born January 25, 1883, a son of John L. Thomson. His education was secured in the graded schools and the Central High school, following which he secured a position with the National Cash Register company. Later he was with the D. L. Bates Electric works, and then learned the trade of pattern maker in the plant of the Stilwell-Bierce company. Subsequently, he was with the Platt Iron works, and then the Allison Pattern works for one year, leaving the latter to become foreman of the Dayton Hydraulic Machinery company, where he remained three years. It was while with this last-named concern that Mr. Thomson completed his plans for the organization of a business with himself at its head. This was effected in 1909, in May of which year he started business as the Thomson Pattern works, in the Beaver Power building. He went steadily along, growing gradually, and in 1913 incorporated the business as The S. H. Thomson Manufacturing company, with a capital of $10,000, the officers being: S. H. Thomson, president and general manager; R. H. Hummer, vice-president; and J. C. Darst, secretary and treasurer. At that time they added plating and enameling to the pattern works, and began building electrolite and oxygen and hydrogen generators. In 1918, a machine shop was added to the plant, and in that same year the concern built about seventy per cent of the generators in the United States, making them especially for the mercantile and emergency fleets used by the United States Government. In 1919, this concern added a brass and aluminum foundry for the purpose of manufacturing automobile brass hardware. The concern has one of the largest plating tank equipments in the United States, and more than one hundred people are employed in the plant, which is running twenty-four hours a day, the capital of the concern being $65,000. Mr. Thomson, the energetic, capable and skilled founder and president of this business, is favorably known in commercial and financial circles because of his marked integrity and faithfulness to engagements. He is a member of the Fourth Presbyterian church, and is a member of the Mystic Lodge of Masons, a Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Grotto. He is also a member of Iola lodge, Knights of Pythias. His various social connections include membership in the Electro club, the Jovian club and the Business Men's club, and he also belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Thomson was married June 26, 1905, to Florence Darst, daughter of J. C. Darst, of Dayton, and they have three children: Burdete, Gladys and Rosemary.

Louis A. Timmer. Among the younger business men of Dayton, one who has exercised his abilities in such a manner as to gain for himself a position of marked prestige is Louis A. Timmer. Connected with the tobacco industry from the time he completed his education, he is thoroughly familiar with its details, and has become well known to the trade as secretary and treasurer of the Lukaswitz-Weaver company. Mr. Timmer is one of the men who

has won success in his native city, as he was born at Dayton, February 5, 1884. His father was John Timmer, who took up his residence at Dayton many years ago, in young manhood, and through a long and honorable career followed the vocation of cabinet making. As a lad Louis A. Timmer was sent to the parochial school of Emmanuel Catholic church, following which he attended St. Mary's college, and upon his graduation from the latter institution secured employment with the firm of Wolf & Lukaswitz, cigar leaf tobacco packers, as bookkeeper. In 1913, when this business was incorporated for $50,000, as the Lukaswitz-Weaver company, Mr. Timmer was made secretary-treasurer of the concern, and has continued as such to the present time. He is a man of much natural energy, initiative and aggressiveness, is practical and methodical in his business methods, but resourceful and progressive in his ideas. He is also secretary-treasurer of the Masner Tobacco company of Versailles, O. With his family he belongs to the Corpus Christi church, and holds membership in the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Timmer was married October 29, 1908, to Miss Clara Schmackers, daughter of Bernard Schmackers, of Springfield, O., and they have four children: Clara Louise, Richard John, Mary Alice and William Joseph.

Charles E. Tischer. The hardware industry is one of the important factors in the commercial life of the nation, and in presenting reviews of those who have made this field of activity the medium through which they have worked out their success, the name of Tischer is found to be prominent in the trade at Dayton. Charles E. Tischer, secretary of the George W. Tischer Hardware company, has devoted practically his entire career to the business with which he is now identified, and has developed his abilities and displayed them in big transactions to an extent where he is now known throughout the trade of the Miami valley as a shrewd, thoroughly experienced and well informed hardware man. He is a native son of Dayton, and was born November 12, 1875, his parents being George W. and Emma (Sauerbrun) Tischer. His father was born on a farm in Morrow county, Ohio, September 12, 1842, a son of Karl and Eve Tischer, natives of Germany who emigrated to the United States in young married life and settled on a farm in Morrow county, where they resided during the remainder of their lives. George W. Tischer attended the country schools of his native county and during the early days of the Civil war enlisted in an Ohio volunteer infantry regiment and served therein until receiving his honorable discharge. In 1863 he secured employment in the hardware store of Jones & Scott, at Dayton, and from that time forward was variously employed until 1884 when he embarked in the hardware business with a partner under the style of Tischer & Reisinger, in a small store at No. 34 North Main street. In 1906 Mr. Tischer purchased his partner's interests, and conducted the business as a private concern until March 26, 1919, when there was incorporated the George W. Tischer Hardware company, for $25,000. The business includes handling of all kinds of business hardware, both wholesale and retail, and two traveling salesmen cover a territory of seventy-miles radius of Dayton, while twelve

people are employed in the modern establishment. George W. Tischer is a member of the First Lutheran church and Wayne Lodge No. 10, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was married February 14, 1874, to Emma, daughter of George Sauerbrun, of Greene county, Ohio, and they became the parents of four children: Charles E.; Harry A., of Dayton; Estella M., wife of F. W. Hoerner; and Raymond L., also of Dayton. Charles E. Tischer was educated in the public schools of Dayton and at Wilt's Commercial college, following which he was appointed deputy county auditor, a position in which he remained for six years, establishing an excellent record. He then went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he joined the United States Railway Mail Service, as clerk in the superintendent's office. Eventually he resigned from that position to return to Dayton, where in 1919 he became secretary of the George W. Tischer Hardware company, a position in which he has contributed materially to the success of this old and honored business enterprise. Mr. Tischer is a staunch Republican and belongs to the First Lutheran church (English), while his fraternal connections include membership in the Knights of Pythias and the Masonic Order, in which he has attained the thirty-second Scottish Rite degree. He is likewise a member of the Mystic Shrine and of the Kiwanis club, and is very popular socially. In September, 1897, he married Ida May, daughter of Thomas Cauphey, of Dayton, and they have two children: Katherine Marie and George W., jr., both of whom reside with their parents.

George W. Tischer. More than thirty-five years ago there was founded at Dayton a modest and assuming enterprise the object of which was dealing in hardware. This concern, small but ambitious, was conducted under the same of Tischer & Reisinger, and continued as such for twenty-two years, when the business passed under the individual control of George W. Tischer, who is at present the executive and directing head of one of the prominent and prosperous concerns of Dayton, the George W. Tischer Hardware company. During the many years that Mr. Tischer has been identified with business matters at Dayton, he has maintained so high a standard of business principles and personal conduct that he has the full esteem of associates and public alike, and his name is practically synonymous with integrity and straightforward dealing. George W. Tischer was born on a farm in Morrow county, Ohio, September 12, 1842, a son of Karl and Eve Tischer, natives of Germany who emigrated to the United States in young man and womanhood and settled on a farm in Morrow county, where they rounded out the remainder of their long and useful careers in the quiet pursuits of agriculture. GeorgeW. Tischer was reared in an agricultural atmosphere and secured his education in the country schools of his native county. During the early days of the war between the forces of the North and South, Mr. Tischer's career, like those of numerous other young men, was interrupted for a brief period, for the call for volunteers made by President Lincoln found him ready, and he served bravely and faithfully with an Ohio volunteer infantry regiment until receiving his honorable discharge. In 1863 he returned to the pursuits of civil life, at that time coming to Day-

ton, where he found employment in the hardware store of Jones & Scott, early merchants of this city. During the following two decades he was variously employed in enterprises of the same nature, gaining full and diversified experience in his special line and in business matters in general. The year 1884 found him embarking in business on his own account, in partnership with a Mr. Reisinger, under the firm style of Tischer & Reisinger. As before noted, the start was not a particularly auspicious one, as the members of the concern had only a small capital, but the little establishment at No. 34 North Main street was managed by men of ambitious and energetic nature, who possessed good ideas and sound business ability, and soon its patronage had increased to large proportions. While the address of the concern has never changed, there have been many improvements and a number of additions to the building and the stock has increased many times its original size. In 1906, after twenty-two years of association, the interests of Messrs. Tischer & Reisinger were all taken over by the former, who conducted the business as a private concern until March 26, 1919. That date, the business was incorporated as the George W. Tischer Hardware company, for $25,000. The business includes the handling of all kinds of builders' hardware, both wholesale and retail, and two traveling salesmen cover a territory within a radius of seventy-five miles from Dayton, while twelve people are employed in the plant. The goods handled by this concern are of a superior quality and have found favor with the trade wherever introduced. Although he has reached an age when most men are content to retire, Mr. Tischer is still active and carries out his routine of daily tasks with the same spirit, enthusiasm and interest that he displayed many years ago. He enjoys the confidence of business men throughout the city, and has numerous loyal friends, but his only affiliations outside of home and business circles are the First Lutheran church, and Wayne Lodge No. 10, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. February 14, 1874, Mr. Tischer married Emma, daughter of George Sauerbrun, of Greene county, Ohio, and they have four children: Charles E.; Harry A.; Raymond L.; and Estella M., wife of F. W. Hoerner, of this city, all of Dayton.

Russell Howard Tompert. During the comparatively short period that Russell Howard Tompert has been connected with financial matters at Dayton, he has shown his capability, worth and trustworthiness. Upon no other class do the responsibilities of a community rest as heavily as they do upon the shoulders of the men whose capable hands hold their reins of finance. As the banks of a community are, so is the community itself—so will it prosper or so will it fall into decay. Every man is not fitted by nature and training to assume the important duties pertaining to a banking career, and there are few who have gone as far in as short a period of time as has Mr. Tompert, who is cashier of the Winters National Bank of Dayton. Mr. Tompert is one of the men belonging to the self-made class who have made good in their native city. He was born at Dayton, August 5, 1892, and he has never found it necessary to go outside the city to reside or to work, nor has he had any

desire to do so. His education came from the Dayton graded and high schools, and when he entered upon his career it was as the incumbent of a clerkship in the Winters National bank. He was not long in impressing his employers favorably, and his industry, fidelity and energetic endeavor won him promotion to teller and eventually to cashier, which latter office he retains. He is popular with the patrons of the bank and has their entire confidence, as he has also of his associates. He devotes his attention principally to the duties of his position, but also finds time for association with pleasant companions, and likewise for the support of movements for his city's welfare, being an energetic worker in behalf of the Greater Dayton association, of which he is a member. Mr. Tompert was married November 5, 1913, to Miss Florence E. Zwick, daughter of S. E. Zwick of Dayton.

John L. Travis, M. D., who has made Germantown his home since entering upon the practice of medicine, has a wide acquaintance and has built up a substantial practice through his scientific knowldege and skill. Dr. Travis was born at Miltonville, Butler county, Ohio, April 15, 1866, son of Rev. Gilbert L. and Catherine (Marston) Travis, both of whom were also natives of Butler county. The mother of Dr. Travis is deceased but the father survives, now living retired at Lewisburg, Ohio. For many years he has been a minister in the Methodist Episcopal church, serving pastorates in southwestern Ohio. John L. Travis first attended public schools in the Miami valley wherever his father happened to be stationed, then entered the Ohio Wesleyan university, a member of the class of 1888 and took a scientific course. His medical education was completed in the Miami medical college, Cincinnati, from which he was graduated in the class of 1890 with the degree of M. D. He immediately chose the pleasant little city of Germantown as the scene of his professional efforts, and for over a quarter of a century has devoted his time and talents to his profession. When the United States entered the Great War, Dr. Travis, following the path of duty as he has ever done, entered the service of his country in a professional capacity, was commissioned captain November 6, 1917, and was identified with the United States army balloon service at Fort Crook, Omaha, Nebr., as post surgeon, and was honorably discharged April 8, 1919. His patriotic duty completed, Dr. Travis returned to Germantown and resumed private practice. He is a member of the Association of Military Surgeons and belongs to many professional bodies including the Montgomery County Medical, the Ohio State and American Medical associations. November 5, 1890, Dr. Travis married Miss Jean, daughter of Joseph and Maria (Routson) McCurdy, of Piqua, Ohio. Dr. Travis belongs to the Masonic bodies at Germantown, the Junior Order of American Mechanics and the Sons of the American Revolution, the latter connection substantiating his justifiable pride in being a true American. He has also retained interest and membership in his Greek letter fraternity of college days, the Phi Kappa Psi.

Louis Traxler. The great mercantile establishment of the Louis Traxler company, was founded in Dayton by Louis Traxler, its present president and treasurer, twenty years ago. Mr. Traxler

an Austrian by birth, being born in Austria in August, 1864, has been a resident of the United States for thirty-six years. He was educated in the public schools and by private tutors, and when about ready to enter into business, accompanied his father, Philip Traxler, to the United States. Father and son embarked in a mercantile business at Butler, Pa., where they remained until 1894, removing then to Anderson, Ind., and from there Louis Traxler came to Dayton in 1899. By heritage, inclination and training, a merchant, Mr. Traxler immediately entered into the mercantile business in this city, locating his first store on the corner of Main and Fifth streets. Through his business sagacity his enterprise prospered from the beginning and by 1904 it became necessary to seek larger quarters and removal was made to Nos. 31-33 S. Main street. In 1907, Mr. Traxler recognizing the wisdom of incorporating, the Louis Traxler company was organized with a capital of $100,000, which, in 1915, was increased to $125,000. Officers of the company are: Louis Traxler, president and treasurer; Leon Altschul, vice-president and manager; H. A. Green, secretary. About 400 people are employed, and the business is carried on along the most modern line of merchandising without change from the old policy of standard goods, honestly handled and courteously distributed. In this great mercantile establishment may be found completely stocked departments in dry goods, cloaks, men's and boys' clothing, furs, millinery, ready-made clothing, shoes, furniture, carpets, queensware, rugs, draperies, toilet articles, optical goods, groceries and sundries. The company will build a new modern store in 1920. The corporation has concluded a perpetual lease with the Adam Schantz estate for the property corner Ludlow and Fourth streets, 150x200, and will begin the erection of a five-story modern fire proof department store building of reinforced concrete and steel with semi-glazed terra cotta facing. Total floor space about 200,000 square feet. The store will be very prominently located and will be equipped with all modern appliances and fixtures of the present time. The building will be ready for occupancy on March 1, 1921. Mr. Traxler's long experience in the mercantile field enables him to offer his patrons as fine and exclusive a choice of merchandise as can be found anywhere in the country. In 1896, Mr. Traxler married Adeline Miller, of Cleveland, O., and they have four children, namely: Gertrude, who is the wife of A. Leon Altschul, of Dayton; Leona, who is the wife of Harry A. Green, of Dayton; Hilda, who is a graduate of Wellesley college; and Louis, who attends the public school. Mr. Traxler belongs to the Jewish temple, the B'nai B'rith, the Chamber of Commerce and the Y. M. C. A.

Joseph W. Trout, M. D. When Dr. Joseph W. Trout located at Dayton in 1903, he brought with him a splendid record for professional achievement which had been established during a quarter of a century of medical and surgical practice at Feesburg, Ohio. This reputation he has not only maintained but has strengthened and broadened, and today he is generally accepted as one of the leaders in the city in his field of medical work. Doctor Trout was born at Feesburg, Ohio, May 4, 1853, and obtained his education in the public schols of that place and Cincinnati, and under private instruc-

tors for two years. In the latter city he pursued a course in the Cincinnati Law school, for at the outset of his career he had decided upon the vocation of attorney as his life work. For four years he practiced with success at Georgetown, Ohio, but in this time had become more and more interested in medicine, and eventually forsook law for the latter work. Much of his medical preparation was gained through self-teaching, but his studies were completed in the Eclectic Medical college of Cincinnati, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1878, receiving the degree of M. D. He at once entered upon the practice of his profession at Feesburg, and there continued with constantly increasing success until coming to Dayton in 1903. Here his practice has been general in character, and he has attracted to himself a professional business of the most desirable kind. His learning, skill and achievements have served to gain him prestige among his fellow-practitioners, and a large and representative clientele holds him in well-merited confidence. His well-equipped and tastefully-appointed offices are situated at No. 667 S. Main street. Doctor Trout holds membership in the Montgomery County Medical society, the Ohio State Medical society, the American Medical association and the Dayton Academy of Medicine. As a fraternalist, he belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in both of which he has numerous friends, as he has also in social, business and professional circles of the city. December 15, 1879, Doctor Trout married Miss Belle A. Teegarden, of Higginsport, Ohio, and they have one daughter: Nellie Darlington, wife of N. J. Bolender, of Feesburg, with one child: Helen Marie. Dr. Trout's grandfather came to Ohio in 1807 from Lincolnton, North Carolina, and settled in Brown county, Ohio, where he became one of the leading financial men of his community, and was noted for his honor and integrity.

John C. Turner. Impelled by forces we cannot fully understand, men pursue their various ways in life, some attaining the heights while others walk in the valleys and both paths are beset with difficulties. It is worth while, however, for the encouragement of those whose opportunities are limited and whose environment discloses little of encouragement, to tell the story of one who faced such lack of opportunity and who, without aid, found a way to climb their heights. John C. Turner, president of the John C. Turner Novelty company of Dayton and one of his city's leading workers in religious movements, was born at Dayton, September 21, 1884, a son of George W. and Mary (Day) Turner, natives of the Miami valley. His father, a sturdy blacksmith, passed on to his son much of his mechanical knowledge, and the mother, now deceased, brought him up to a life of industry and sobriety, inculcating in him firmly the lessons of reverence and honesty. The youth's education was procured in the graded schools of Dayton and the Steele High school, and immediately upon leaving the latter, at the age of fourteen years, he found employment in the toy factory of D. P. Clarke. Two years later his natural ability and great industry had earned him the position of foreman, and by the time he had reached his majority he was superintendent of the plant. When the Scheible Toy and Novelty company succeeded Mr. Clarke, Mr. Turner was retained in the

superintendency, but in February, 1916, he decided to strike out for himself, and at that time he started the business of the John C. Turner Novelty company, at No. 236 Wayne avenue. By the following December he was ready to organize his company, which was incorporated for $100,000, with himself as president, treasurer and general manager, and in May, 1917, he moved his plant, through need of larger quarters, to No. 150 Hawthorn avenue, at the same time leasing the property across the street. In September, 1918, he found it necessary to take over the Cooper factory, and in June, 1919, to purchase the factory at the corner of Pease and Germantown streets. In the four buildings he now has 28,000 square feet of floor space and 200 people are given employment in the manufacture of toy novelties, special machinery and punch tools, and in special heat treatment. In July the name of the company was changed to The John Turner company, and the capital stock increased to $300,000. The territory covered by the company's product includes the United States and Canada. Mr. Turner has other business interests, and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He is actively engaged in religious and missionary work, being pastor of the Church of God at Dayton and Trotwood, with two missions, president, general manager, secretary and a trustee of the Ohio state Camp Meeting association, and a member of the Gospel Trumpet company of Anderson, Ind. He was married September 11, 1909, to Mamie, daughter of Jacob and Bettie Wolf of Dayton, and they have three children: Beryl, Phyllis Juanita and Wanda.

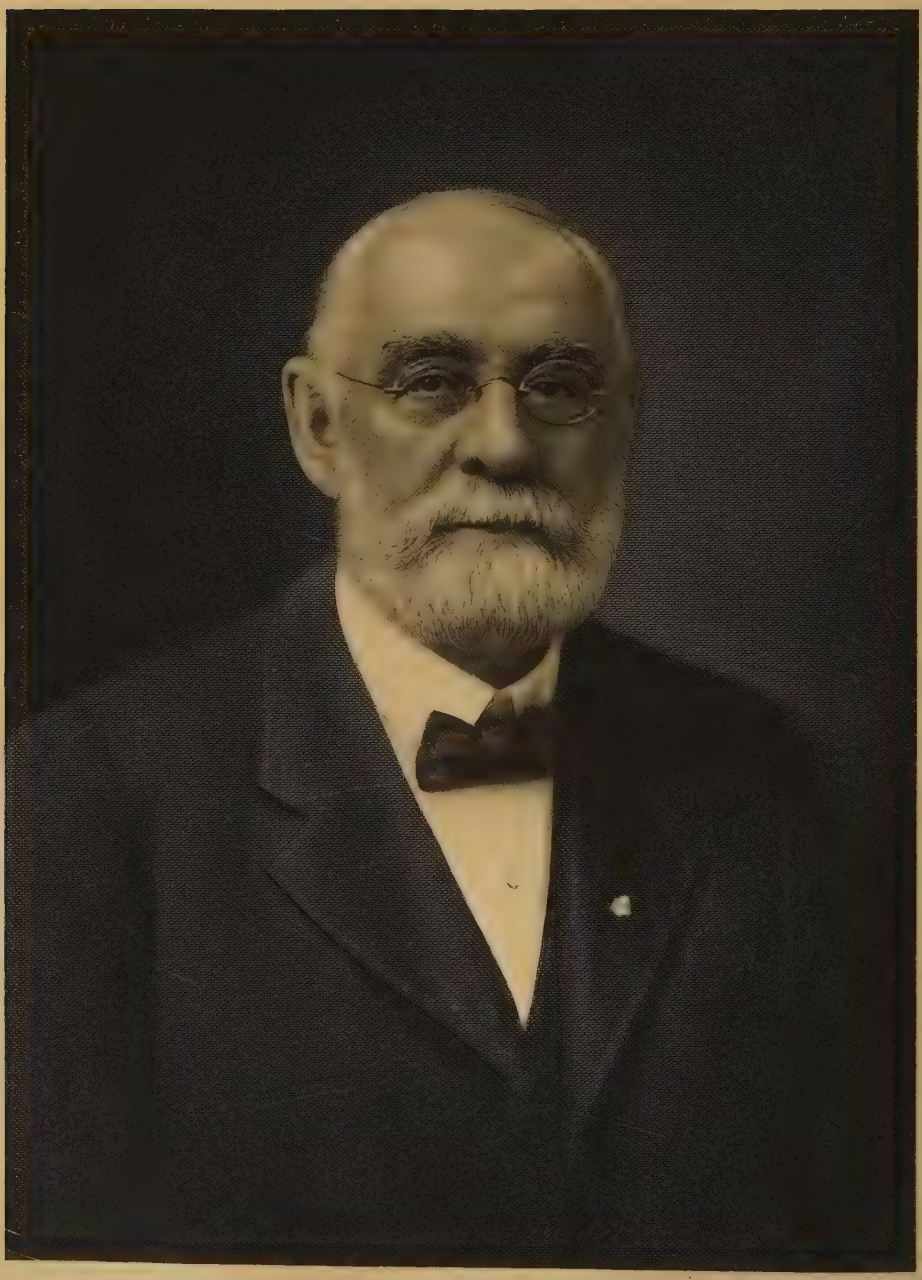
Wellmore B. Turner is the junior member of the law firm of E. H. and W. B. Turner, his associate being his brother, who, like himself, is one of the able representatives of the native-born element at Dayton. There is no firm at Dayton which is a better exemplar of the restless, yet substantial ability and the never failing resourcefulness of the rising lawyer of today, than that of which Mr. Turner is an equal partner. He was born at Dayton, January 27, 1888, a son of John E. and Anna R. (King) Turner, natives of Maryland. His father came to Dayton in about 1880 and engaged in manufacturing, and continued as a highly respected business man until his death, which occured October 15, 1908. Mrs. Turner still survives her husband as a resident of Dayton. Wellmore B. Turner received his primary education in the Dayton public schools, and for his advanced studies went to Colorado college, where in 1910 he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He prosecuted his legal studies under Oscar M. Gottschall, whose partner he became in 1912, having been employed in his office from the time of his own admission to the bar in December, 1910. At the time of Mr. Gottschall's death, in 1916, Mr. Turner formed a partnership with his brother, Earl H. Turner, and the combination of E. H. and W. B. Turner has become a recognized factor in the commercial world. The scope of the business of the firm embraces both civil and criminal procedure, and the formation, development and conservation of large corporations and business interests. Mr. Turner is a member of the Ohio State Bar association, the Federal Bar association and the American Bar association, and chairman of the Grievance committee of the local bar association. He also holds membership in the Lawyers

club, the Sigma Chi fraternity, the Dayton City club, the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, the Miami Golf club and the Y. M. C. A. October 6, 1916, Mr. Turner married Florence M., daughter of Andrew J. Keefer, of Cincinnati. Mr. Turner's youth and vigor give promise of many years of usefulness and satisfaction. When "life's fitful fever" shall be over, it will be proper for the memorist to fittingly portray a character which can be only partially developed in the days of the contemporaneous biographer.

James Turpin. Large and important interests of a varied character directed with dignified capability, coupled with a keen sense of civic duty, are characteristics which result in the forming of good citizenship and also of successful and progressive advancement. Dayton has afforded many capable and determined men a fruitful field for their operations, and one who has here made the most of his opportunities is James Turpin, connected with the tax department of the Miami Conservancy district. Mr. Turpin was born at Dayton, Ohio, February 6, 1855, a son of James and Elizabeth (Griffith) Turpin, and a member of a family founded here before the advent of the railroads. His father, born in England, was still a lad when he came to the United States, and passed his life as a musician in his adopted land, as did also Mrs. Turpin, also born in England and a child when brought to America. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: Clara, the widow of W. F. Gebhart, of Dayton; George, who is deceased; Katherine, the widow of P. H. Gunckel, of St. Paul, Minn.; Jeannette, a resident of Los Angeles, Cal.; Fannie, the widow of J. R. Huston, of Dayton; James, of this notice; and Harry B., also of Dayton. James Turpin attended the graded and high schools of Dayton, and as a youth became a bookkeeper in the employ of the firm of Van Ausdal & Harmon. He later became identified with the Troup-Kinnard Manufacturing company, being a member of the firm, and his next identification was with the milling business, with G. P. Huffman, as secretary and treasurer of the company. He then linked his name with the New Era Gas Engine company, first as vice-president and later as president, and also connected himself with the New Era Auto Cycle company, of which he was secretary. Other connections included the Valley Machine company and the J. R. & R. S. Oil & Gas company, both of Parkersburg, W. Va., and of both of which he was president. At the present time he is devoting his energies principally to looking after his duties in the tax department of the Miami Conservancy district of Dayton, with offices in the Miami Conservancy building. He is one of the skilled and capable business men of Dayton, where his acquaintance with worth-while men is large and where his reputation in business circles is an excellent one. His experiences have been numerous and broad in various lines of activity, and upon several phases of business life he is considered an authority and is frequently consulted. He is a Mason, fraternally, and as a churchman adheres to the faith of The First Lutheran church. Mr. Turpin was married October 26, 1881, to Louise M., daughter of Joseph R. and Eliza (Hoglen) Gebhart of Dayton and to them have been more three children: James Clifford, Helen Louise, and Joe G. Turpin. James Clifford married October 30, 1912, Isabel Merrell Richards of Boston, they are now residing

in Brookline, Mass. Helen Louise, the wife of Lamar Fluhart, of Dayton, was married January 26, 1915 and has one child, Louise Turpin.

Charles Edwin Underwood. Dayton has been distinguished for high rank in the confectionery manufacturing business, and in this field of activity the business here is represented by many men of high standing and commercial prominence. Among the alert and enterprisnig manufacturers of the city who during recent years have utilized the opportunities to be found in this field of endeavor, and who have won thereby notable success, is Charles Edwin Underwood, president of the Underwood-Talmage company. Mr. Underwood was born at Dayton, Ohio, August 18, 1853, a son of Arthur Elliott and Martha (McHose) Underwood, the former born on a farm near Piqua, Ohio, and the latter in the state of Pennsylvania. Arthur E. Underwood came to Dayton in young manhood and for several years applied himself to his trade of carpenter. Later he identified himself with Samuel Gebhart, in the iron and steel business, with which he was connected until his demise. Mrs. Underwood has also passed away. Charles Edwin Underwood attended the public schools of Dayton and the Wilt's Commercial college, and after leaving the latter became assistant bookkeeper for D. W. Stewart & Co. He next held a like position with the firm of Beaver & Butt, and then became bookkeeper for Stout, Mills & Tempals and the Dayton Leather and Collar company. Leaving Dayton at that time, he went to Denver, Colo., where he engaged for a time in the grain business, but later moved on to Leadville, in the same state, where a dairy enterprise claimed his attention and talents. He was also interested in mining ventures for several years, but eventually returned to Dayton, where in August, 1879, he purchased the confectionery business of B. F. Spohn, and started to conduct it under the name of Mull & Underwood. August 25, 1917, there was effected a consolidation of three candy manufacturing establishments, those of C. E. Underwood, George B. Talmage Sons and the Gem City Specialty company, the new business taking the name of the Underwood-Talmage company, with plant located at No. 620 Geyer street. Of this concern, which was incorporated for $100,000, the following officials were elected: C. E. Underwood, president; F. B. Talmage, vice-president; and H. G. McGuire, secretary and treasurer. In the large modern plant there are available 30,000 square feet of floor space, and fifty people are employed in the manufacture of candy and chewing gum, while nine salesmen are kept on the road representing this line, the principal specialty of which is a high quality of delicious butter scotch candy, which finds a ready sale and much popularity wherever introduced. In addition to managing and directing the policy of this important business, Mr. Underwood has numerous other holdings and is a director in the American National bank. His business interests have been heavy and important, but he has had time to evince his civic pride and public spirit by serving in several public offices, having been a police director for three years and president of the board, and also having been for several years, as now, a member of the board of directors of the Montgomery County Fair association. Fraternally, he is affiliated with St. John's lodge,



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and is a Mason of the Scottish Rite, thirty-third and Knight Templar degrees, and a Shriner. He was married October 16, 1883, to Blanche, daughter of John Sheehan, of Dayton, and they are the parents of three children: Helen Louise, the wife of A. W. Mettler, of Detroit, Mich; Arthur Edwin, also a resident of that city; and John Russell, who resides at Dayton.

John Henry Vaile. Among the honored business men of Dayton, one who is a veteran in years of experience and whose connection with numerous prominent men and concerns has given him added prestige, is John Henry Vaile, president of the Vaile-Kimes company. His advent in Dayton occurred just after the close of the Civil war, in which he had been an active participant, and during the more than half century which has passed he has contributed his splendid abilities to the upbuilding and development of a number of the city's important business institutions. Mr. Vaile was born at Piqua, Ohio, and received his education at Lowell, Mass. Subsequently he mastered the trade of machinist and had commenced to work at that vocation when the Civil war came on to interrupt his career just as it did to many other men of the day. In September, 1862, was appointed a third assistant engineer in the U. S. navy and served three years, being honorably discharged with the rating of second assistant engineer. In 1866, he came to Dayton, where he secured employment as an engineer with the Barney & Smith Car works, where he remained for about one year. He was next with the Holly company, as an engineer, in which capacity he acted as superintendent in the building of water works plants, and then went to Indianapolis, where he was superintendent of the water works company for several years. Returning to Dayton, he formed a partnership with Preserved Smith & Walter Smith, in the manufacture of pumps, and later this became the Smith-Vaile company, Mr. Vaile serving as general superintendent of the Stilwell & Bierce and the Smith-Vaile company; he was made president of the Stilwell & Bierce & Smith-Vaile company, remaining in that capacity for three years, but ill health forced him to resign from this office, and for several years he lived practically retired. When he had recuperated his strength, he re-entered business, in 1905, with H. W. Kimes, to manufacture water-driven pumps. This continued to be the sole product of the business for several years, but then to it was added the manufacture of electrical-driven pumps. The business was incorporated in June, 1911, as the Vaile-Kimes company, with Mr. Vaile as president and treasurer, and, from the old location on Canal street, the concern has removed to its new, well-equipped quarters in the Beaver Power building. The business has enjoyed an excellent growth and development, and Mr. Vaile has shown rare discernment and ability in the management and direction of its policy. His wide experience and long training with various large establishments has served to assist him in the conduct of his present business, and the products of his concern have gained much favor over a wide stretch of territory. Mr. Vaile is a Mason and Knight Templar and belongs to the Kewanis and Dayton Country clubs. He also holds membership in the Greater Dayton association, being a supporter of beneficial civic enterprises and move-

ments, and his religious connection is with the Presbyterian church. He was married to Miss Alvina Wiggin, daughter of Hugh Wiggin, of Dayton.

William L. Valiquette. Numbered among the successful men of every community there are to be found those who have made their own way to success, and in this category stands William L. Valiquette, of Dayton. His has indeed been a busy life and from early boyhood days he has labored untiringly, making his way upward in the face of competition and winning advancement through ability and as the result of his close application and industry. Mr. Valiquette, who is now general manager of the Seybold Machine company, is accorded his fellow-citizens' respect by reason of what he has accomplished, and his life record is a splendid illustration of the opportunities which America offers to her citizens. Mr. Valiquette was born November 6, 1868, at Springfield, O., a son of Lewis and Elizabeth (Hahn) Valiquette. His father, a mechanic, came to Dayton during the early '70s and here rounded out his career in working at his trade, which yielded him a modest income, sufficient to rear his family, but hardly large enough to give them more than the necessities and a few of the comforts of life. Both he and his worthy wife are deceased, but are remembered by some of the older inhabitants as worthy, God-fearing people. William L. Valiquette first attended St. Joseph's Catholic parochial school and later the public schools of Dayton, and when he started upon his career it was in the employ of the Columbia Bridge company, with which he was identified for a period of eight years. He next went to the Chicago Manual Training school, where he was an instructor for several years, but in 1894 returned to Dayton and became connected with the Seybold Machine company as pattern maker and draughtsman. Subsequently he advanced to the post of superintendent, and finally was made general manager, which position he now holds. This company was founded in 1892 by Charles Seybold, the company being incorporated for $100,000. The present officers are: Charles Seybold, president; William Valiquette, vice-president and general manager; Frank Herbst, secretary and treasurer; and Mrs. Charles Seybold, C. N. Stevens, Fred Lueders and Charles Passe, directors. The business is the designing and manufacture of machinery for allied paper industries, and during recent years 75 per cent of the output has consisted of war contracts, although normally the export trade is large, and there are branches and repair shops at New York, Chicago, Atlanta, San Francisco and Toronto, with ten traveling salesmen covering the United States and Canada. From a small plant and twenty-five employees the business has advanced to where it is necessary to utilize 80,000 square feet, while 300 people are employed. Mr. Valiquette has played an important part in the securing of this success for his company, and is justly accounted one of the substantial and capable business men of his line at Dayton. He and the members of his family are communicants at Sacred Heart Catholic church. He belongs to the Greater Dayton association and has given his services readily and generously to all movements making for civic betterment. Mr. Valiquette married Miss Anne Grace Smith, daughter of Henry and Samantha (Staley)

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Fred L. Virtue.

Smith, of Dayton, and they are the parents of one daughter, Jane Elizabeth.

Fred L. Virtue, president and treasurer of the Fred L. Virtue company, manufacturers of doctors' medicines, is one of the substantial business men of Dayton. He was born at Westfield, Ind., December 11, 1877, and after attending the public schools of his native city, he took a course in the Westfield academy, and then entering the Indiana State university, was graduated therefrom in the class of 1901 with the degree of Ph. D. Upon completing his collegiate course, Mr. Virtue entered the employ of the McCoy-Howe company of Indianapolis, Ind., and remained with that concern for twelve years, severing his relations with it to found his present business. During the period he was connected with the McCoy-Howe company, he was one of its representatives on the road. In 1913, Mr. Virtue incorporated The Fred L. Virtue company for $25,000.00, with Fred L. Virtue as president and treasurer, and E. O. Jolley as secretary, locating the plant at No. 132 E. Fourth street, Dayton, but later removal was made to No. 109 E. Third street. Since the business was established the output of the plant has been more than doubled. Constant employment is given to six persons in the plant, and six traveling salesmen represent the company on the road, the territory covered including Ohio, Indiana and part of Pennsylvania. Sales are made to physicians only. Mr. Virtue is a member of the Forest Avenue Presbyterian church of Dayton. High in Masonry, Mr. Virtue has attained to the Thirty-second Degree, Scottish Rite. He belongs to the Fourth Ward Republican club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Y. M. C. A. and the college fraternity of Sigma Nu, Indiana university. Mr. Virtue was united in marriage with Miss Bertha H. Wilson, a daughter of John Wilson, of Rushville, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Virtue have two children, namely: Fred L., jr., and Dorothea Louise. An alert business man, Mr. Virtue is one who has been able to take advantage of a favorable opening, and to build up a connection over a wide territory through a strict adherence to reliable methods and a scrupulous living up to contracts. The progress made by his company during the six years of its existence has been very gratifying and reflects credit upon the business sagacity of Mr. Virtue and the quality of his products.

Charles E. Wagner. To the time of his retirement to Brookville several years ago, Charles E. Wagner was one of the most industrious and successful agriculturists of Randolph township, Montgomery county. He had good judgment, common sense, and the commercial instinct well developed, and from his rise from small beginnings one may glean many helpful lessons. Charles E. Wagner was born on a farm in Montgomery county, Ohio, November 7, 1855, the eldest of one son and four daughters born to John M. and Susanna (Olinger) Wagner. Aside from Charles E. Wagner, the only one of the children to reside in Montgomery county is his sister Clara, a graduate of the public schools, a woman of refinement and religious character, and the wife of Henry Solenbarger, a successful agriculturist, and a Republican in politics. They have six children: Corven, Leroy, John, Vera and Rienza, twins, and Mil-

dred. Mrs. Solenbarger was a member of the Dunkard church. She died June 3, 1919, and is interred in Happy Corner cemetery. John M. Wagner was born in 1831, in Maryland, and while a self-educated man in his youth, was a great reader and became well informed upon all important topics and subjects of the day. He was reared in Maryland, where he remained until attaining his majority, and at that time removed to Champaign county, Ohio, and embarked in agricultural life with little capital save that represented by his determination and ambition. When he first located in Champaign county, in about 1854, he became a wage-earner in the employ of one Philip Wampler, after leaving whose service he engaged with John K. Olinger, of Montgomery county, one of whose daughters he subsequently wedded. He had acquired 160 acres of land in Madison township and also owned other lands in Montgomery county, became a highly respected citizen of his community, and was a strong advocate of the Republican party. He and his wife lived honorable Christian lives and died in the faith of the German Reformed church, being laid to rest in the Happy Corner Cemetery, where appropriate monuments stand to their memories. Mrs. Wagner was born in Montgomery county, February 19, 1836, and was a great lover of her home, where her death occurred in 1904. Charles E. Wagner received only a common school education and was reared to traits of honesty and industry. Even as a youth he decided upon a course of action that would carry him along the avenue of an honorable career, and in these high principles his worthy wife, who has ever been his faithful helpmeet and advisor supported him. He remained with his parents until reaching the age of twenty-one years, at which time he started out on his own account, at that time receiving from his father a horse, buggy, saddle and bridle, which formed his equipment and capital. For two or three years he worked as a wage-earner, saving every dollar that he could, and December 26, 1877, was united in marriage with Mary C. Barnes. who bore him two sons and one daughter, of whom one son is deceased. Corven Wagner, one of the practical young agriculturists of Montgomery county, carrying on operations on his father's farm in Randolph township, is a graduate of the graded schools and Englewood High school, and is one who commands the esteem and respect of all. He was formerly for some years employed by the Delco Light company of Dayton. He wedded Cora Weimer, and they have a daughter, Treva I., in the third grade of the public schools. Corven Wagner is a Republican. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Wagner, Maud, was educated in the graded schools and married Fred E. Steck, a farmer and machinist, of Perry township and a Democrat in politics. They have a daughter, Viola M. Mrs. Charles E. Wagner was born in Maryland, not far from New Windsor, November 2, 1857, the third in a family of nine sons and two daughters, born to Nimrod H. and Julia A. (Wagner) Barnes. Nine of these children are living and six are residents of Montgomery county, and one of them, John, is a prominent attorney and politician and at present a representative in the Ohio State Legislature. Nimrod H. Barnes was born in 1830, in Maryland, and died March 31, 1914, aged eighty-four

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years, six months and eighteen days. By trade he was a carpenter and joiner, but later turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and was the owner of a farm in Randolph township, where he carried on extensive operations and succeeded through good management and honorable transactions. He was an ardent Republican and a strong supporter of the public schools and several of his sons are now teachers. He resided not far from the battlefield of Gettysburg prior to coming to Ohio, and while the Federal troops were quartered in his community, one of the Union generals presented him with an army blanket, with the remark: "You are a good Republican." He and his wife were faithful members of the Dunkard church, in the faith of which both died, Mrs. Wagner passing away at the age of seventy-eight years, in 1912. Mrs. Wagner had very little chance for an education, as the family was large and her home duties were heavy, but she made use of all that she learned and her knowledge has been of great benefit to her husband in assisting him to the acquirement of success. She was a child of seven years when brought to the Buckeye state, and here she has since passed her life and made numerous enduring friendships. When she began her married life with her husband they had no land nor home of their own, but at present are accounted among the well-to-do residents of their community, this satisfying state of affairs having been brought about through their untiring industry and skilled management of their affairs. They now have a splendid improved farm of eighty acres in Randolph township, known as High View farm, now being operated by their son, on which are situated a modern residence and substantial barns and outbuildings. Their Brookville property, where they are now living in retirement surrounded by all of life's comforts, includes a commodious and tastefully furnished home and one and one-quarter acres of property. They are faithful and have been the authors of numerous charities and in every way have lived lives that entitle them to the universal respect in which they are held, and to representation in the Memoirs of the Miami Valley. Mr. Wagner is a staunch Republican, and has been a strong supporter of that party's principles ever since he cast his first presidential ballot in favor of the election of Rutherford B. Hayes. He has served as a member of the school board and has always advocated the elevation of the school system's efficiency and standards.

Francis A. Wagner. There will be numerous students of biography found whose claim it is, based upon a study of economic conditions, that technical training is unnecessary for the development of successful men. Their claims are largely based upon the fact that so many of the greatest men that the country has ever produced, especially along industrial lines, have been essentially self-taught and trained only in the school of experience. It is certainly true that men who have obtained their education through their own efforts, and while gaining their living, are apt to appreciate its worth, and make, oftentimes, better use of the knowledge thus obtained than do those to whom are open the doors of universities. Dayton is the home of many institutions which owe their present prosperous condition to the sagacity, far-reaching policies

and intimate knowledge of conditions of men to whom an academic training was not given, but who have been graduated from the higher school of practical acquaintance with the matter in hand. One of these men is Francis A. Wagner, a man of broad and varied experience, who is now numbered with Dayton's most substantial citizens, as president of the American Mechanical Toy company and of the Monarch Engineering company, and director of The Dayton Savings & Trust company. Mr. Wagner was born at Cincinnati, O., November 24, 1875, a son of Frank P. Wagner, who for twenty years was a resident of Dayton and was living in retirement at the time of his death, December 23, 1907. Francis A. Wagner was educated in the public schools of Evansville, Ind., and Louisville, Ky., following which he took a business course at Wilt's Commercial college, Dayton. His first business experience was secured with the Barney & Smith Car company, where he was employed in the purchasing department for one year, at the end of which time he accepted the opportunity of going to Florida and for two years had interests in the orange grove region. Returning to Dayton, he entered the services of the National Cash Register company, and was in their employ for seventeen years, nine of which was in the treasury department, three years as head of the cost department and five years general auditor. In 1906 he was sent to Europe in charge of the financial department, residing in Berlin for three years and in London for one year. From 1909 to 1911 he was a member of the board of directors of the company, but on September 1, 1911, severed his connections with the National Cash Register company to engage in business on his own account. In October, 1911, he founded the American Mechanical Toy company, his first plant being one of modest proportions, located on First street, where he engaged in the manufacture of mechanical toys, small motors and counter-shafts. The business grew rapidly under his careful and capable management, and in 1912 he was compelled to seek larger quarters, locating at No. 403 E. First street, where he was able to install larger machines and to employ a greater working force. In the latter part of 1913 he was again called upon to enlarge his plant, so greatly had the business grown, and at that time he took one-half of the Cooper building. This again did not prove sufficient, and in 1915 the plant was transferred to its present location, at 240 E. First street, near Canal, where he has 30,000 square feet of floor space. Here are employed seventy people in the manufacture of products which have a sale all over the country, although the principal market is in the Middle West. However, the company has seen advisable to open a New York office for the direct handling of the eastern business, and four salesmen are on the road. February 1, 1916, the business was incorporated for $150,000, with the following officers: F. A. Wagner, president and treasurer; M. C. Stern, vice-president, and F. M. DeWitt, secretary. Mr. Wagner branched out into another field in 1918, January 1, of which year he was the leading factor in the organization of the Monarch Engineering company, of which he became president, his associates in this venture being E. J. DeVille, vice-president, and F. W. Gruen, secretary. The business, incorporated

at $150,000, was formed for the purpose of manufacturing tools, dies and screw machine products, and has already assumed large proportions, seventy-five people being employed in the modern plant. Mr. Wagner has been the main factor in the development of both of these concerns, sound, legitimate enterprises which have been better for his association with them. In his career his advancement has been gained through merit and knowledge and not by pulling down another, or wrecking the work of a competitor. Although devoted to his business he believes that the devotion of a good portion of time and thought to the interests of the community is of equal importance and not inconsistent with one's personal success. A working member of the Greater Dayton association, he has been a member of that public-spirited body's board of directors for several years. He belongs also to the Dayton City club, and is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and a Knight Templar and also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Wagner was married June 17, 1903, to Miss Emma E. Bieser, of Dayton, and they are the parents of two sons: Charles F. and Richard B., both of whom are attending school.

Hugh E. Wall, director of finance of Dayton, who has been the incumbent of this position since 1914, is a native of Ireland, having been born in County Cork, February 4, 1870, a son of John Wall. He was eight years of age when brought by his mother to the United States, and his education was acquired in the Dayton public schools and at St. Mary's college, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1890. His first business experience was secured with the Eldred & Johnston company, where he remained only a short time, then going to the John A. Murphy company, with which coal concern he was identified also for a short period. Next he entered the general offices of the Pennsylvania Railway company, where he was engaged in clerical work, and during his connection with that office was given the opportunity of displaying what ability he possessed, with the result that he was promoted several times and rose to a position of some importance. While thus employed he attracted the attention of the National Cash Register company, which concern made him an attractive offer, which was accepted by Mr. Wall. He became chief accountant in the offices of the large Dayton company, and subsequently was advanced to the post of assistant treasurer, which he was holding at the time of his resignation. When he left the concern it was to engage in the public accounting business, as a member of the firm of Wall, Hardman & Lane, which became well known in its field and built a large, important and lucrative business. Mr. Wall's abilities by this time had become a matter of general information and recognition, and when the post of director of finance became open for incumbency, January 1, 1914, he was chosen for the office. He has continued to discharge its duties in a highly efficient, expeditious, accurate and conscientious manner. Mr. Wall possesses in marked degree the attributes necessary for the capable discharge of his duties and his administration of the affairs of his office has resulted in the establishment of an enviable record, on which there is no blemish of any kind. Mr. Wall is one of the active working mem-

bers of the Greater Dayton association, and a constructive enthusiast in civic work. He belongs to the Dayton club and the Knights of Columbus, and he and Mrs. Wall hold membership in Corpus Christi Catholic church. He was married May 1, 1911, to Caroline Sachs, of Dayton, daughter of Edward Sachs, of this city. They are the parents of two children: Hugh E., Jr., born in 1911; and James Robert, born in 1914, both at Dayton.

George Walther. In the several important interests with which George Walther has been identified since locating at Dayton, he has come into contact with the business world, and has always been recognized as a man possessing rare judgment and business ability. Possessed of executive ability of a high order, and an analytical, logical mind, with initiative, courage and force, combined with honesty, he has made a success of his career, and is today the head of one of Dayton's substantial business concerns, the Dayton Steel Foundry company. Mr. Walther was born in Hesse, Germany, August 13, 1873, a son of Henry Walther. His early education was secured in the public schools of his native land, and when he was sixteen years of age, after having served an apprenticeship to the foundry business, emigrated to the United States and came direct to Dayton. Here he secured employment with the McHose & Lyons foundry, where he remained four years, leaving that concern to join the working forces of the Stoddard Manufacturing company, of Dayton, where he remained a like period. Leaving this city temporarily, he went to Muncie, Ind., as foreman in an iron foundry, and later spent one year with the Niles Tool works, of Hamilton, O. His next connection was with the Westinghouse Manufacturing company, of East Pittsburg, Pa., a concern with which he was identified for about one year, and he then went to West Hoboken, N. J., where he took charge of a bakery owned by an aunt and conducted it for some time. This role did not suit him, however, and he returned to the Westinghouse company for a short time, leaving them again to join the Allis-Chalmers company, at West Allis, Wis. In 1903 Mr. Walther returned to Germany, where during that year and 1904 he attended a technical school, taking an engineering course. When he came back to the United States he again located at Dayton, and for a few months was with the Globe Iron works, but left them to go to Cincinnati and spend a short time with the Bullock Electric company. In 1905 he again came to Dayton, where, with his brother, Jacob Walther, he organized the Dayton Steel Foundry company, of which he has since been the directing head, and his intimate personal knowledge of foundry practice gained by many years of experience coupled with his association with the motor truck industry of the United States, has led him to apply himself to the solution of the truck manufacturer's problems from the standpoint of the foundryman. His chief contribution in this line has been the Dayton steel wheel for motor trucks, which has achieved an international reputation and which has marked an important forward step in motor truck development. The Dayton steel wheel is a hollow spoke, hollow rim wheel, combining strength, lightness and resiliency, and has met a long felt need in the motor truck industry and has received the endorsement of the trade in

general. Under Mr. Walther's careful and progressive guidance, the business has attained prosperity and has steadily advanced in scope and volume, so that today its rating is high in business circles. Mr. Walther's personal reputation, among his business associates, is that of a man of strict integrity and high business principles. He is an active member of the Greater Dayton association, having always been loyal in his support of worthy civic movements. He belongs to the Hungarian and Rotary clubs and is an Odd Fellow, and is a Mason of high rank, being a Knight Templar, and also holds membership in the Shrine. Mr. Walther was married June 30, 1911, to Miss Kate Nicholas, daughter of George Nicholas, of Dayton, and they have five children, all at home: Elizabeth, George, James and Gretchen.

Jacob Walther is known as an able and substantial business man of Dayton, and general manager of the plant of the Dayton Steel Foundry company. Jacob Walther was born in Hesse, Germany, October 20, 1874, a son of Henry Walther. He attended the public schols of his native land, following which he served an apprenticeship to the trade of pattern maker, a vocation at which he was employed until emigrating to the United States in 1892. An ambitious, capable and industrious youth of eighteen years, he found immediate employment in the plant of the Barney & Smith Car works, at Dayton, where he spent eight years, and then went to the Platt Iron works, where he continued to be employed until 1905. In that year, in company with his brother George, he founded the Dayton Steel foundry, with which he has since been connected as general manager of the plant. Mr. Walther is a man thoroughly informed as to every detail of the business with which he is connected, and one widely known to the trade. He is a member of the Greater Dayton association and an active worker in behalf of the Y. M. C. A., to which he also belongs. He holds membership with the Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Druids. He was married February 18, 1896, to Mary K. Stockert, daughter of Michael Stockert, of Dayton, and three children were born to this union: Herman, Margaret and Anna, all residing at home.

George D. Wanner. Among the younger generation of Dayton business men whose names are deserving of special mention because of what they stand for in the line of achievement in their chosen vocation, is George D. Wanner, secretary of the American Foundry & Casting company. His career has been an exemplification of typical ambitious manhood, and he is already accorded a place among the men whose activities are serving to maintain the magnificent prestige of Dominant Dayton as a manufacturing center. Mr. Wanner was born at Dayton, March 15, 1884, a son of John D. and Margaret E. (Siddall) Wanner, natives of either Greene or Montgomery county, O. The father, who was a carriage maker by trade, followed that occupation at Dayton for several years, but in later life turned his attention to commercial lines, and for a long period was the proprietor of a retail grocery. He was still engaged in this business at the time of his death, in 1900, after an industrious, honorable and moderately successful career. Mrs. Wanner, who

survives him, makes her home at Dayton. George D. Wanner received his literary education in the public schools of Dayton, and prepared himself for business by a course at the Miami Commercial college. When he left that institution, he secured a position as bookkeeper with the Speedwell Automobile company, with which concern he continued to be identified for about three years. In 1914 he connected himself with the American Foundry and Casting company, as bookkeeper, and became secretary in July, 1917. The plant at the corner of First and Harshman streets now has eighty-five employees engaged in the manufacture of gray iron castings, and the company's product is well and favorably known throughout this part of the Miami valley. With the constantly changing conditions of an industry like this, come grave responsibilities and important issues. To discharge the one and meet the other requires ability of more than ordinary character, but Mr. Wanner has been equal to his task and has at all times vindicated the confidence which has been reposed in him. In political matters Mr. Wanner is a Republican. He belongs to the Y. M. C. A., and he and his family are members of the First Reformed church. He was married August 1, 1911, to Miss Bertha A. Allard, daughter of Emile and Elizabeth (Spring) Allard, of Dayton, and they have two daughters: Adele E. and Gladys S.

Charles A. Ward. During the career of Charles A. Ward, which has been distinctive because of its activity and success, various fields of endeavor have been participated in by this capable and energetic business man, and in numerous ways he has demonstrated his versatility as a promoter, executive and organizer. The work of the business man creates a hub from which radiate the spokes of the wheel of progress, and the greater his activity, just so much faster revolves the wheel. Mr. Ward, who is president of the Dayton Gas company, has been a resident of this city for but three years, but during this time has been so intensely connected with the business life of the city that he has equaled and even added to the reputation which he had built up at Marietta. He was born in the latter city, July 27, 1870, a son of Capt. Augustus T. Ward, and first attended the public schools. As a youth he was sent to Marietta academy, and subsequently was further prepared by a course at Marietta college, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1890, receiving the degree of B. A. His first business experience was secured at Superior, Wis., where for two years he was identified with the sale of real estate and insurance, and while thus engaged became interested in journalism as a side line. The latter vocation finally claimed his interest completely and he left the realty and insurance field to become editor and publisher of the Superior Inland Ocean, which he continued to edit and publish for eight years. In 1900 Mr. Ward returned to his native city of Marietta, where he proceeded to plunge actively into business life, with connections in every direction. He was the builder of the Wakefield hotel, of which he was the proprietor until disposing of his interests in 1916. However, he did not have all of his eggs in one basket, for he was active as a manufacturer, was president of the Washington County Building & Loan association and presi-

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dent of the Fort Harmar Oil company. The confidence in which he was held by his associates was shown when he was elected president of the Marietta Board of Trade, and made a trustee of his alma mater, Marietta college. During four years of his residence at Marietta, he acted in the capacity of postmaster, and while in office did much to improve the mail service in that city. In 1916 he disposed of his many interests at Marietta and came to Dayton, where he has since been rendering the city the best of services in the presidency of one of the most important of public utilities, the Dayton Gas company. During the midst of his various important business activities, Mr. Ward finds time to relax, and is a member of the Dayton, Elks and Kiwanis clubs. He is also a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner, and belongs also to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Modern Woodmen of America. While a resident of Marietta he was past master of American Union Lodge, No. 1, F. & A. M., the oldest Masonic lodge west of the Alleghany mountains, the charter for which was granted Feburary 1, 1776. Since coming to Dominant Dayton, Mr. Ward has been an active member of the Greater Dayton association. He was married April 16, 1901, to Miss Annie Reppart, daughter of Byron Reppart, of Marietta, O., and they are the parents of one son, Kenneth R., born February 3, 1903, who is now attending Marietta college.

John Henry Warner, D. D. S. One of the lessons forcibly emphasized by the late wartime conditions, was the importance of sound teeth. That was a lesson which was not new in this country, unless the proverb as to the honor of prophets in their own country applies, for American dentistry has occupied the first rank throughout the world for many years. In wartime the drastic standards of health demanded by military efficiency required the most careful supervision of the teeth, and the scientific dentist became a recognized adjunct of military organization. While peace has come, health in peace is also worth considering. Good teeth are an essential of good health, and in man's constant warfare against disease the dentist fights in the front line trench. Among the members of the dental fraternity of Dayton, one who occupies an established and recognized position as a thorough, learned and skilled practitioner is John Henry Warner, D. D. S., who has been engaged in practice here since 1907. He was born in Scioto county, Ohio, October 28, 1873, and received his early education in the country district schools, later attending the Ohio State university, from which he was graduated with his dental degree in 1907. He immediately located at Dayton, where he has since been engaged in a general practice, and as a skilled and careful operator and a kind and sympathetic dentist, he has built up a large practice. He has also attained recognized standing in the ranks of his calling, and is a member of the Miami Valley Dental society, the Ohio State Dental society, and the National Dental society. At college he joined the Psi Omega fraternity, to which he still belongs, as he does also to the Dayton Canoe club, Miami Valley Golf club, the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Y. M. C. A. June 25, 1895, Doctor Warner married Miss Jessie E. McAleer, of Portsmouth,

Ohio, and they have one son, Howard L., a dental student at Ohio State university.

Christopher P. Watson. During the past twenty years one of the business men of Dayton who has steadily advanced to a station of prominence in the real estate field is Christopher P. Watson. Originally a country school teacher, in 1898 he came to Dayton to embark in a venture of his own. He had little capital to back him, but was possessed of marked self-confidence, faith in the future of the community, determination and resource, and ideas and initiative, and with these he laid the foundations for a most successful career of profit and usefulness. Mr. Watson was born at Cambridge, Guernsey county, O., July 29, 1878. His family was an agricultural one and he was reared on the homestead farm, where he learned by experience the value of the fruits of industry. In the meantime, he attended the public schools in the vicinity of his home, and when he was ready for a career of his own chose school teaching in preference to the routine work of the tiller of the soil. During the next four years he devoted himself to instructing the minds of the young in the country districts of Guernsey county and then came to Montgomery county, where his labors, of a like character, were centered for three years. This ended his educational work, as he had become fully convinced of the opportunities offered in the real estate business and had decided to try his fortunes therein. In 1898 he started at Dayton in a modest way, but it was some time before his labors bore fruit. He was encouraged, however, by some small ventures at the beginning, and increasing experience led to increased success. He continued to extend the scope of his operations and to branch out in various directions, and in 1907 became one of the founders of the Wampler-Watson Real Estate company, his partner being V. E. Wampler. The firm was incorporated for $10,000, and Mr. Wampler was its president until his death, since which time his widow, Mrs. Ella M. Wampler, has acted in the presidential capacity, Mr. Watson being secretary and treasurer of the concern. The offices of this firm are located on the sixth floor of the United Brethren building. It has done much work of a development character and to its credit has the North Riverdale, Shiloh and Mayfield plots, and also handles business for the Sun Insurance company. Mr. Watson was also one of the organizers of the Morningside Real Estate company, of which he is secretary and treasurer, George Hoffman being president. This concern is largely engaged in the handling of deeds, mortgages, contracts and options. Mr. Watson is an honorable and worthy representative of real estate, with its manifest stability in a value way. He has impressed himself upon his associates and upon the public and his clients as a man who endeavors to maintain the highest standards of business ethics in his operations, and thus has won confidence and respect in no small degree. He is a valued member of the Dayton Real Estate board and stands high in Masonry, having attained the Scottish Rite degree and being a member of the Dayton Consistory. Mr. Watson was married May 1, 1905, to Miss Madeline Shoup, of Dayton, and to this union there have been born two children: Warren W. and Madeline, who are attending the Dayton public schools.

Charles E. Watterson. The business to which Charles E. Watterson is now giving his attention is one which has little similarity to that in which he started his career, for as a youth this prominent Dayton manufacturer and president of the Sheffield Machine & Tool company, had aspirations of becoming a shining light in journalism. His experience in that direction was short, however, as it was also in another field, and when a man of mature years he eventually found his proper field of endeavor, since which time his advancement has been continuous and marked with success. Mr. Watterson was born at Cleveland, Ohio, March 23, 1871. He attended the public schools of his native place for his early education, and following this went to the Western Reserve university, from which he was graduated with the class of 1893. While attending college he had secured some small success in a literary way, and this encouraged him to try newspaper work on entering upon his career. Securing employment with the Cleveland Plain Dealer, he experienced the vicissitudes of a literary life for a short time, eventually leaving the Fourth Estate to accept a position with the Dime Savings bank. His new position pleased him little better than the other, and, having always had a predilection for things mechanical, he finally entered a machine shop, to learn the machinist's trade from the bottom. This accomplished he continued far a short period at the bench, but later became a traveling salesman selling special machinery. In this capacity, in about 1910, he came to Dayton, which has continued to be his home and the scene of his activities ever since. For six years he was connected with various enterprises, but in 1916, became one of the founders of the Sheffield Machine & Tool company. This was established May 1 of that year, with the following officials: Charles E. Watterson, president; P. H. Biggs, vice-president; and H. E. Talbott, secretary and treasurer. The business was incorporated for $50,000, for the manufacture of thread gauges and special measuring devices, and the plant is in the Beaver Power building, 35 S. St. Clair street. Seventy people are employed in this business, and the product meets with a ready demand over a wide territory. During the period of the war, 90 per cent of the capacity of the plant was given to the production of war materials. One of the most popular products of the company is an ingenious device known as the Sheffield screw thread lead testing machine, which was designed with the idea of providing a very accurate and rapid method of determining the error in lead of screw thread gauges and to enable those required to pass upon large quantities of gauges to secure dependable results in minimum time. This intricate machine has filled a long-felt want, and is a decidedly popular product of the Sheffield company. Mr. Watterson is a man having large business interests to demand his time, but always finds the leisure to devote to public-spirited movements. He also takes time from his duties to enjoy the companionship of his fellows, among whom he is very popular, and is president of the Dayton Bicycle club, a member of the Engineers club, a Mason of the Scottish Rite degree, and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He was married first to Flora Egert, of Cleveland, by whom he had two children: Margaret E. and Edwin S. Mrs. Watterson died, and

Mr. Watterson was again married, the present Mrs. Watterson having borne the maiden name of Cora Meyer, a Dayton young lady.

George Willis Weakley. It would be difficult to properly and justly review the business history of Dayton and its responsible men through whose activities and public-spirited endeavors this metropolis has attained its present superiority, without giving due attention to the life and activities of George Willis Weakley, who for more than thirty years has been identified with the wholesale grocery house of Weakley-Worman company, of which he is now president. Mr. Weakley was born at New Carlisle, O., January 25, 1852, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Weakley, most excellent people (Mrs. Weakley being Miss Catharine Gunckel), who early taught him habits of self-reliance, frugality and honesty, which were to prove of incalculable value to him in later years. His father, a tanner by vocation, on first coming to Ohio, located at Dayton, but later removed to New Carlisle, where the birth of his son occurred, and where his own death took place. The educational advantages of George Willis Weakley were good ones in his youth, for he attended the public schools of New Carlisle, Linden Hill academy, and St. Mary college, Dayton, and became well grounded in essential principles. His first position of any important nature was as traveling salesman for the wheel manufacturing house of Ford & Company, and after four years as a knight of the grip he bought an interest in the Troup-Weakley company, a lumber concern of Miami county. In 1887 Mr. Weakley disposed of his business interests in that concern and came to Dayton, where he entered the offices of McKee, Weakley & Company, in the capacity of bill clerk. From that position he has steadily advanced until he is now president of the present concern. The Weakley-Worman company was established in 1866, as a partnership, by Mr. McKee, Colonel Woodward and Captain Weakley, the latter two veterans of the Civil war. The business, located at No. 116 N. Main street, was founded for the handling of wholesale groceries, and later adopted the style of McKee, Weakley & Company. January 29, 1890, it was changed to the Weakley-Worman company, and was incorporated for $200,000, at that time moving to its present headquarters at 502-504 E. Third street, the officers being: T. J. Weakley, president; Walter Worman, vice-president, and J. F. Wiffembach, secretary and treasurer. In 1916, at an election of officers, the following were chosen to direct the company's affairs and policy: George W. Weakley, president; E. T. Weakley, vice-president, and F. E. Laukhuff, secretary and treasurer. Thirty people are employed in the establishment, while there are eleven traveling salesmen on the road, their territory covering an area surrounding Dayton to a radius of seventy-five miles. The business of the concern is the handling of wholesale groceries, cigars and tobaccos, and the product of the company is widely and favorably known to the trade because of its excellent quality and purity, as well as for its value. In the plant there are 45,000 square feet of floor space. The growth of this business has kept pace with that of the city, and it is worthy the metropolis in which it is situated. Many of the original cus-

tomers are still retained, and there is no other establishment in the trade that stands higher in public confidence. The management is broad in character and progressive in spirit, and new methods are being constantly adopted, although not until their worth has been proven. In the matter of retaining its employees the firm stands in an unique position. There are eleven names on its honor roll of employees who have been with the house for fifteen or more years, one having been identified with the establishment for forty-five years, two for thirty-five years, one for twenty-five years, one for twenty years, and six for fifteen years. Mr. Weakley is a member of the Greater Dayton association and of several fraternal and civic bodies. Although quiet and unostenatious in manner, Mr. Weakley has many warm friends and those who know him best recognize in him a man of earnest purpose not easily swayed by passing events. In his business relations he ranks with the best men of the city, for he is honorable, prompt and true to every obligation. Mr. Weakley was married September 28, 1875, to Miss Viola Maguire, daughter of Charles Maguire, of New Carlisle, O., and to this union there have been born two children: Edward T., of Dayton, the father of one son, William Conklin; and Ada W., the wife of J. H. McFeely, of Pittsburg, Pa., the mother of one child, Catherine Weakley.

Frank E. Weast. The recent added impetus that has characterized business interests of Dayton has attracted to this city a number of industries formerly located elsewhere, and at the same time has encouraged the formation of many new concerns which have found here a field for growth and development. In the latter category is placed the Dayton Reliance Tool & Manufacturing company, which, in business for less than three years, has shown remarkable progress, and is rapidly assuming a place among the city's more important manufacturing houses. An important factor in the official machinery of this concern is Frank E. Weast, its secretary and treasurer. Mr. Weast, while still a young man, has had wide and varied experience, for he was not easy to satisfy in the way of business connections, and it was not until after some years of experimenting that he finally became settled with his present concern. Mr. Weast was born at Springfield, O., May 3, 1884, a son of Henry S. Weast, who was a mechanic during his active years, but is now living in comfortable retirement at his home at Springfield. The public schools of that city furnished Frank E. Weast with his early education, following which he attended Wittenberg college. To further prepare himself for a business career, he next took a course at Nelson's Business college, in his native city, where he secured his first employment, with the Kelly Road Roller company. When he left the employ of that concern it was to accept a position with the City Water works of Springfield, where he remained two years, then going to the Foos Gas Engine company, and subsequently to the St. Louis Car company. Leaving Springfield, he went to San Antonio, Tex., where he was employed in a pump works, but still was not suited and accordingly returned to Springfield. In 1914 Mr. Weast came to Dayton and entered the employ of the Dayton Reliance Tool & Manufacturing company, of which he became sec-

retary and treasurer January 1, 1918. This company came into being in September, 1916, when it was established as a co-partnership by C. F. Swissgabel, Pearl Waugh and J. J. Schneider. It was located at No. 14 Canal street, and employed about ten people in the manufacture of tools, jigs, dies and special machinery. Business grew rapidly, so rapidly in fact that it was found that the old quarters were too small to accommodate the rush of trade, and in July, 1917, the business was incorporated for $20,000, with the following officials: J. J. Schneider, president; Joseph H. Schneider, vice-president; C. F. Swissgabel, secretary and treasurer; and P. D. Waugh, general manager. At that time the business was moved to its present location, at No. 818 E. Monument street, where there are 25,000 square feet of floor space available, and where there is specially equipped machinery, upon which sixty-five skilled mechanics turn out the company's products. During the war period the company was working 100 per cent on war production. January 1, 1918, the business was reorganized and incorporated for $50,000, with J. J. Schneider, president; C. F. Swissgabel, vice-president; F. E. Weast, secretary and treasurer; and P. D. Waugh, general manager. This concern has won a place for itself in Dayton's business representation through honorable and legitimate methods and its products are ones which bear the stamp of government and public approval.

Charles L. Weaver. From 1900 until his death in 1917, the late Charles L. Weaver made his home at Dayton, and during that period became widely known to business circles as a traveling representative of the Diesel-Wemmer company. He started out in life practically empty handed and steadily worked his way upward to success, overcoming the difficulties and obstacles in his path by resolute purpose and unflagging energy. His life was filled with constant industry and the honesty of his dealings and the continuity of his labors furnished an example that was well worthy of emulation by those who would gain a competence and win the respect of their fellow-men. Charles L. Weaver was born at Morgantown, W. Va., April 13, 1859, a son of Joseph F. Weaver. After completing the curriculum of the public schools of his native place, he became a student of the University of West Virginia, from which he was duly graduated, and at the outset of his career entered the line for which his abilities had naturally and peculiarly fitted him, that of a traveling salesman. For some years he was in the employ of large houses in the east, but when he came to Dayton, about the year 1900, it was as the traveling representative of the Diesel-Wemmer company, of Lima, O., with which concern he continued to be identified until his death, July 12, 1917. Mr. Weaver's kindly, genial personality made and retained for him many warm friends. He took a keen personal interest in the welfare of his community and its people, and his influence was ever placed on the side of progress and advancement. In addition to the Lima club, he belonged to Toledo Lodge of the Order of Elks, and his religious affiliation was with the Episcopal church. His death was widely mourned and caused a vacancy which was found hard to fill. Mr. Weaver was married September 19, 1899, to Mrs. Helen S. Kim-

ball, daughter of Don Carlos Kimball, of Detroit, Mich. By a former marriage Mrs. Weaver became the mother of one daughter, Leone, the wife of Ernest T. Schneider, of Dayton.

Erie J. Weaver. Since the year 1897 Erie J. Weaver has been engaged in the practice of law at Dayton, and by his devotion to the interests of his clients, his thorough knowledge of the principles, precedents and practice of his profession, and his high personal character, has won a liberal and representative clientage. His talents and ability have gained him recognition, and throughout his entire career he has maintained an elevated standard of professional ethics and honorable principles. Mr. Weaver is a son of Benjamin Weaver, and was born January 17, 1872, in Montgomery county, O., near the town of Brookville, where he received his early education in the public schools. He next attended Wittenberg college, where he was graduated in the class of 1895, following which he was a student at the Cincinnati Law school and graduated in 1897. In the same year he was admitted to the bar and in June commenced practice at Dayton in the office of Carr, Allaman & Kennedy. After about ten years he severed this relation and since then has practiced alone, his legal business being of a general nature. Mr. Weaver's offices are located at No. 806 United Brethren building. He has gained honor and position in his profession through the application of honesty, energy, perseverance and self-reliance, and has kept abreast of his calling in its constant advancement; but it is not alone as a lawyer that he is known, for he has been an energetic and progressive citizen whose support has been freely given to worthy movements. He belongs to the Montgomery County Bar association, the Ohio Bar association and to the Lawyers club, and also holds membership in several fraternities and social organizations. Mr. Weaver was married September 19, 1902, to Miss Ida M. Brandt, daughter of Louis Brandt, of Dayton, and they have two children: Louise Elizabeth and Alice Marie.

Peter Weaver, whom it is no invidious comparison to designate as one of the most highly respected agriculturists of Clay township, Montgomery county, and no empty tribute to pronounce one of its leading citizens, has passed his active career in the locality in which he now makes his place of residence, and where he is now the owner of a beautiful home within the corporate limits of the thriving town of Brookville. When he entered upon his career Mr. Weaver was possessed of only a small cash capital, but behind this there was a substantial force consisting of inherent ability, great capacity for industrious and painstaking labor and a strong and well-developed ambition and determination, and, with the aid of his worthy and faithful wife, he has been able to overcome the numerous obstacles which have appeared in his path and to elevate himself to a position of precedence among the agriculturists of his home locality. Mr. Weaver was born in Darke county, Ohio, February 1, 1863, the fifth in a family of six sons and three daughters born to Amos and Margaret (Shell) Weaver. Of these children six are living and four are residents of Montgomery county. Amos Weaver was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, in 1831, one year prior to the outbreak of the Black Hawk war, and died at his farm home in 1906. By

trade he was a blacksmith, but the greater part of his life was devoted to the tilling of the soil, a work in which he was industrious and became successful, being the owner of the farm, in Jefferson township, consisting of 126 acres of valuable land. While he was a Democrat in politics, he was a great admirer of Abraham Lincoln. He and his wife were faithful members of the Lutheran church, in the faith of which they died, and were laid to rest in Ellerton cemetery, where a beautiful monument stands to their memory. Mrs. Weaver was also a native of Montgomery county, Ohio. Peter Weaver was largely self-educated in his youth, as he was compelled to work hard at a time when most boys are dividing their activities between study and play, and had little time for attendance at school. He remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority, when he started out for himself, courageous and self-reliant in spite of the fact that his cash capital was so small as to be nearly non-existent. Shortly after leaving home he established a home of his own by his marriage, October 23, 1884, to Phoebe Ann Wright, who was born in Montgomery county, May 9, 1867, a daughter of George W. and Mary (Meckley) Wright, and a sister of Nancy Wright, who married Claude Wagner, of Germantown, Ohio, a farmer, and has one son, Adrian. George W. Wright was born in Montgomery county and during his active years was engaged in agricultural pursuits, although he and his wife, also a native of Montgomery county, are now living in retirement. They are members of the German Reformed church. Mrs. Weaver received only a common school education, but like her husband was possessed with good judgment and much industry, and throughout his career has been his able assistant and advisor. Although they began their married life under circumstances and amid surroundings that would have discouraged many young couples, they were strong enough to work and wait for the better things of life which have come to them in such ample proportions. Their beautiful home, located on a tract of eight and one-half acres within the corporate limits of Brookville, is modern in architecture, as well as in furnishings and surroundings, with concrete sidewalks and beautiful lawns. In addition to this home they have eighty acres of fine and productive land, with a modern residence and large barns, in Clay township, and known as Weaver Farmstead, and is a credit to the township, and fourteen acres in Prairie township, and on both of these tracts Mr. Weaver, a skilled agriculturist, is carrying on extensive and successful operations. All of the holdings of Mr. and Mrs. Weaver are entirely free of indebtedness. Politically, Mr. Weaver is a Democrat, but has never cared for any office. He is a member of the Lutheran church, while Mrs. Weaver's connection is with the German Reformed church. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver are the parents of two children. Martin R. Weaver received a good practical education in his youth, first taking a course in the public schools and graduating in the class of 1907 from the "Special" school. He is engaged in modern agricultural operations in Clay township, where he is well thought of and where he has numerous friends. He is a Democrat, and he and his wife are members of the Lutheran church. He married Eva Fox and they are the parents

of three children: Waldo, Harold and Margaret. Claudia V. Weaver, a graduate of the "Special" school, married L. E. Steck, who is engaged in successful agricultural operations in Preble county, Ohio. They are members of the Lewisburg Lutheran church and the parents of four children: Adrian, Cleo, Charles and Marjorie.

Rome M. Webster, M. D. It not infrequently occurs that the men in a family will follow a certain line of endeavor, a special business or a professional career, the inclinations in this direction seeming to be hereditary. Often the sons will follow in the footsteps of the father, continuing their reputations and often adding to their laurels, so that the family name becomes inseparably identified with the business or vocation followed, and in this connection it is not inapropos to speak of the career of Dr. Rome M. Webster, of Dayton, a well-known physician and specialist, who is a son of the late Dr. Frank Webster, who practiced in this city for many years. Rome M. Webster was born at Dayton, O., August 15, 1883, a son of Dr. Frank Webster, who was a native of Middletown, O. The latter was a child when brought to Dayton, where he received his early education in the graded and Steele High school, and his professional studies were pursued at Pulte Medical college, Cincinnati, where he received his degree. Returning to Dayton he engaged in practice and became one of the best known and most highly respected physicians of the city, acquiring a large and representative practice and reaching a high position in his calling. When he died, in September, 1916, his profession lost one of its skilled and honored members and his city a public-spirited and helpful citizen. Rome M. Webster attended the graded schools and the Steele High school and was reared in a household in which the professional atmosphere was dominant. His earliest teaching in medicine, for which calling he showed a decided preference from early youth, was secured under the kind and thorough preceptorship of his father, and after some preparation he entered Hahnemann Medical college, Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1907, with the degree of M. D. He next spent one year in New York in the Opthalmic hospital, but in 1908 returned to Dayton, where he engaged in practice in association with his father and a brother, Howard H. Webster, M. D., who is now in the United States service in the medical corps. This association continued until 1914, at which time Dr. Rome M. Webster embarked in practice alone, and has so continued to the present time, now maintaining well-equipped and tastefully appointed offices in the Reibold building. While familiar with all branches of his calling, Doctor Webster specializes in the treatment and cure of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, and has gained the reputation of being an authority in this particular field. He is a member of the American Institute of Homeopathy, the Ohio State Homeopathic society and the Dayton Homeopathic society, and is secretary of the Miami Valley Homeopathic society. A deep thinker and constant student, he has ever devoted a part of his time to study and research. His sympathetic nature and kind and gentle personality have assisted him greatly in his work and have attracted to him numerous friendships both in and outside of his calling. Doctor

Webster was married December 18, 1907, to Miss Stella Schneider, daughter of J. F. Schneider, of Dayton, and they are the parents of one daughter: Elizabeth Ann, three years of age.

Louis L. Wehner, secretary and treasurer from March 1, 1904, to February, 1918, and vice president and secretary since of the Dayton breweries, has been identified with prominent business affairs in this city throughout the period of his career, and is a citizen who has taken a constructive part in supporting the institutions and interests of his native place. He was born at Dayton, December 26, 1865, a son of Julius and Mary (Kreidler) Wehner, the former a native of Bavaria and the latter of Wurtemberg, Germany. Julius Wehner came to the United States in 1854, settling at Dayton, where for a time he was connected with the Joseph Schwind Common Beer brewery, and later was elected a member of the school board and was also superintendent of streets. His death occurred August 23, 1900, while Mrs. Wehner passed away in April, 1890. Of their five children, Amma, Emma, Louis L., Clara and John, Louis L. is the only survivor. He was educated in the parochial and city grade and high schools of Dayton, and as a lad secured a position with the Schantz and Schwind Brewing company, in the capacity of bookkeeper. Later he was placed in charge of collections and trade, and eventually engaged in business on his own account. August 20, 1900, buying out The Pioneer Brewing company, corner Wayne avenue and Hickory street, he immediately built a new brewery corner Concord and Scovil streets. His holdings were disposed of to the Dayton Breweries company in March, 1904, at which time he became secretary and treasurer and held this position till February, 1918, when he became vice-president and secretary of that concern. Mr. Wehner is a capable business man and public-spirited citizen, and has many friends in business, social and civic circles of the city. His religious connection is with the Sacred Heart Catholic church, and he holds membership also in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Miami Valley Golf club, the Marquette club, the U. C. T., the Dayton Gymnastic club, the Dayton Bicycle club and the Greater Dayton association. Mr. Wehner was married August 7, 1888, to Clara E., daughter of Frank and Elizabeth Linneman, of Dayton, and they have two children: Erma J., the wife of C. B. Wolf, of Cleveland, and Adiel, the wife of Francis Murphy, of this city.

Norman C. Weiffenbach. The enterprise and progressive spirit of some of Dayton's sons have eventuated in the establishment and development of a large number of important concerns which have added to the city's prestige as a center of business and incidentally have served to place their founders in positions of marked preference in the business world. Among these concerns may be mentioned The Weiffenbach Tile and Marble company, which has been developed to large proportions during a period of less than ten years. The founder of this business, one of the leading business men of the younger generation, is Norman C. Weiffenbach, who was born at Dayton, July 20, 1884, a son of Henry and Wilhelmina (Wenzel) Weiffenbach. His parents, natives of Alsfeld, Hesse-Darmstadt, came to the United States in about 1863, the father becoming a merchant at Dayton, in which city he died, but the mother is still

living. Norman C. Weiffenbach attended the graded schools and the Steele high school at Dayton, following which he took a course in architecture at Cornell university. When he returned from college he began the practice of architecture, and for five years was associated with Frank M. Andrews, architect. In 1910 he became the founder of what is now the Weiffenbach Tile and Marble company, but which was then known as the Architectural Building Material company, located at Nos. 68 and 69 Callahan Bank building. Mr. Weiffenbach acted as a manufacturer's agent for one year, but subsequently opened an establishment of his own, at No. 140 N. Main street, under the same name. In 1912 he moved to No. 128 N. Main street, the present location, and in that year the business was incorporated under its present style, for $10,000. Mr. Weiffenbach became president of the new company, and also discharged the duties of treasurer, and Gus Krug became vice-president and secretary. These two continue in the official positions, but the capital is now $60,000, to which figure it was raised in 1917. They then built the marble mill located at Chapel road and the Baltimore & Ohio railway, and manufactured their own marble at this factory, where there are employed fifteen people. Besides this they design and manufacture art glass, install all kinds of tile work, mantels, grates, logs and andirons, and the manufacture and resilvering of mirrors. About 100 people are employed in all, and two traveling salesmen cover a territory which includes 100 miles of Dayton in radius. The Weiffenbach Tile and Marble company installed all the marble and tile work in the larger banks of the city, the Mutual Home building, the First Savings and Banking company, the Fidelity Banking company, the Engineers club, Deed's mausoleum, Gem City Building and Loan association, Callahan Bank building, the Conservancy club, the Charles Seybold residence and a number of the large churches. The successful development of this business from small beginnings to large proportions gives ample evidence of Mr. Weiffenbach's capability as a promoter and developer. His architectural talent has been a great help to him in the production of some beautiful and appropriate designs in marble and art glass, and the product of his business has done much to add to the city's beauty and attractiveness. Mr. Weiffenbach is a member of the First Evangelical Lutheran church, and a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, Ormus Grotto and Shriner. His social connections include membership in the Rotary, Comus, Engineers and Dayton Country clubs. Mr. Weiffenbach was married October 12, 1906, to Miss Clara Ellen Snyder, daughter of George W. and Ellen (Kiefer) Snider, of Memphis, Tenn., and to this union there has been born one daughter: Clara Virginia, who is attending school.

Linden C. Weimer, D. D. S. Prominent among the professional men of Dayton who have also taken a keen and active interest in civic affairs, is found Dr. Linden C. Weimer, who has been engaged in the practice of dental surgery here since 1907 and who, at present, is councilman from the Sixth ward. Doctor Weimer was born at Beach City, Ohio, May 5, 1880, and received his early education in the public schools there, following which he pursued a course at the Ohio College of Dental Surgery and was graduated in 1902. Later

he attended the Northwestern Dental college, where he received his degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery with the class of 1907. At that time he located at Dayton and engaged in the business of his calling, and has since built up a large and remunerative practice. He maintains well-appointed offices in the Ludlow building, which are equipped with every modern improvement known to the dental profession, of which the Doctor is a close and assiduous student. He stands high in the ranks of his calling, and from 1915 to 1919 served as a member of the State Board of Dental Examiners for Ohio. As a public-spirited citizen he has always taken a keen and helpful interest in civic affairs, and at this time is the representative of his (the Sixth) ward, in the City council, in which body he has accomplished effective and constructive work. Mr. Weimer is a member of the State Central Republican committee of the Third Congressional district, and also a member of the United Brethren Publishing board. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, belonging to Echo lodge, and has also numerous other connections of a social, professional or business character. July 3, 1911, Doctor Weimer married Jessie, daughter of Aaron Beal, of Dayton. They have no children.

Aaron V. Weinberger, M. D., who possesses the elements of pronounced success, and who is reaping the most splendid compensations from his fascinating and ever-widening profession, has been engaged in practice at Dayton since 1914. The period of five years, as compared with some of the biographies appearing in this work, is not a particularly long one in which an individual can establish himself in the confidence of his community to the extent that his career may be already called a success, but Doctor Weinberger's case may be said to be an exceptional one, for his large professional following, his high standing in the ranks of his calling, and his numerous close connections and friendships with leading citizens testify to the fact that he has made rapid progress and that he is already recognized as being one of those who will reach eminent heights. Doctor Weinberger was born near Vienna, Austria-Hungary, November 1, 1882, a son of Maurice Weinberger. His father was a chemist, which probably accounts in some part for his natural inclination for the medical profession, and when the youth had completed his preliminary studies in the public schools of his native place he entered upon a course of study destined to prepare him splendidly for the calling which he had decided upon as his life work. He attended the Hungarian university, at Buda Pesth, and later commenced his medical studies in earnest at the Royal Academy of Medicine, being graduated therefrom with the class of 1907. Later he went to the University of Zurich, where he was a member of the class of 1908, and subsequently attended the University of Bavaria, at Erlangen, where he belonged to the class of 1910. Following this he still further prepared himself, this time in practical experience, by spending an interneship of three years in the hospital of the University of Bavaria. At that time Doctor Weinberger emigrated to the United States, and for two years was an interne in the Philadelphia German hospital. On completing that period of service he accepted an offer as surgeon for a railway and mining company,

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located at Wheeling, W. Va., and remained with that concern until coming to Dayton, in June, 1914. Here he began a general practice of surgery, in which he has since been engaged with much success. His natural ability and real liking for his calling gave him the necessary foundation upon which to build, and upon it he has reared a structure of professional success that has come through practical experience, continued study and constant industry. Through these means he has been able to build up an excellent business and to gain a recognized place in the ranks of his calling. As one whose rule it is to keep fully abreast of the advancements made in the art of surgery, as well as of medicine, he is a close attendant of the meetings of the American College of Surgery, the Montgomery County Medical society, the Ohio State Medical society and the Southern Medical association. His fraternal connection is with the Masonic body, in addition to which he is associated with a number of clubs and civic bodies.

Herman R. Wescher. A comparatively recent recruit in business circles of Dayton, Herman R. Wescher has already established himself as a man of superior ability and high principles and has gone a long way on the road toward the attainment of public confidence and esteem. He is one of Dayton's native sons who have made good in the home city and was born December 17, 1893, a son of William F. and Mary L. (Ruff) Wescher, the latter of whom resides at Dayton, where the former, also a native of the city and a machinist by trade, died some years ago. The public schools of Dayton furnished Herman R. Wescher with his educational training, following which he entered the plant of the National Cash Register company, and there spent six years as a pattern maker. Leaving that concern, he entered the Columbus Training School of Embalming, at Columbus, Ohio, and thus equipped for his chosen vocation entered business with C. E. West, on Washington street. In March, 1918, Mr. Wescher started his present business, at the corner of Brown and Magnolia streets, where he has every facility for the reverent and dignified care of the dead. He has motorized equipment throughout, and is a close and careful student of his art, keeping fully abreast of all of its advancements and applying progressive methods to his business affairs. From his consideration of others, he has won in a large degree the gratitude and confidence of those whose needs have been attended to by him, and his careful tact and genuine sympathy have combined to gain him numerous friendships in homes where the Grim Reaper has paid a visit. Mr. Wescher is a consistent member of Hope Lutheran church and a supporter of its various movements. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics and the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and he also holds membership in the Pattern-Makers' League of America and the Dayton Gymnasium club.

Charles E. West. Prominent on the list of the younger business men who are making rapid strides in various lines of endeavor is found the name of Charles E. West. Coming to Dayton in 1908, he was for the next nine years variously occupied, and in 1917 established his present funeral directing business, which has evidenced a

steady growth and has been successful in gaining public approval and patronage. Mr. West was born on a farm in Shelby county, Ohio, August 24, 1886, a son of Daniel F. and Sarah Catherine (Turner) West. His education was obtained through attendance at the public schools of Sidney, following which he went to Toledo, where for two years he was employed in the Toledo Metal Wheel works. In 1908 he came to Dayton and secured a position with the Dayton Computing Scale company, with which he remained for one year, then entering the plant and employ of the National Cash Register company, where for seven years he worked in the assembling department. Mr. West received his introduction and initial experience as a funeral director as an employee of W. R. Smith, with whom he remained two years, leaving him to become one of the organizers of the business of West & Wescher. In 1917 this association was mutually dissolved, and since then Mr. West has continued in business alone. His establishment, located on Washington street, is appropriately appointed, and has full and complete equipment for carrying on an undertaking, embalming and funeral directing business. He possesses the personal qualifications for the proper management of his establishment and the policy of his house has been such as to attract and hold public confidence. The equipment is motorized and includes the latest innovations known to the business. Mr. West is well known in fraternal circles, being a Pythian Knight and a member of the uniform rank of that order, and also holding membership in the Improved Order of Red Men, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the D. O. K. K. order, and with Mrs. West is a member of the Pythian Sisters. September 3, 1908, Mr. West married Margaret, daughter of Charles and Belle (Towle) Hileman, of Dayton, and they have one daughter, Helen Louise, who is attending school.

Joseph F. Westendorf. No individual in business life has complete control over all the circumstances which work for or against the favorable completion of his plans; but the man who gains the ultimate end he seeks, is he who looks back on the past for naught but experience. To glimpse back at discouragement untempers courage, while a glance back at past success is apt to breed a complacent laxity that allows the plodder just behind to pass. Joseph F. Westendorf has been an earnest student of the old, time-worn doctrine which the hare and the tortoise propounded, and has used his every advance to gain footing for a higher leap. As a consequence he has advanced steadily, and has gradually raised himself from a humble position to the presidency of the Dayton Castings company. Mr. Westendorf was born at Dayton, January 11, 1869, a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Bocklage) Westendorf. His parents, natives of Germany, emigrated to the United States about 1848, in which year they arrived at Dayton via canal boat. Henry Westendorf was employed for some years by the Harshman company, but in later life became a brewer in the employ of the Hollencamp Brewing company, at Xenia, O. Both he and his wife are now deceased. Joseph F. Westendorf attended the parochial school of Trinity Catholic church, following which he secured a position with the S. M. Brown Wheel company. After nine years with that concern he re-

signed his position, and for six months attended the Miami Commercial college, then entering the employ of the Martin Schneble Machine company as bookkeeper. Later he was with the John Stengel company, also in a clerical capacity in the office, and after six years there became identified with the Ohio Foundry company, with which he spent a like period of time. Mr. Westendorf was now ready to embark in business on his own account, and in 1909 became the main organizer of the Dayton Castings Company. He was made president of this concern, Frank Hoersting, vice-president, and John Westendorf, secretary and treasurer, and the business was incorporated for $15,000. The plant was located at the northeast corner of Chappell and Kiser streets, and was fully equipped for the manufacture of gray iron and semi-steel castings of all kinds. The pay-roll at the start included the names of about sixteen employees, but under a vigorous policy of management and capable leadership on the part of the chief executive, the business grew rapidly, and in 1918 the business increased its capital stock to $100,000, the number of its employees having advanced to 170. Prior to this the company had only leased the plant, but September 14, 1918, became its owner by purchase, and there are now available about 120,000 square feet of floor space. During the war the company handled a number of contracts for the Government, giving about 75 per cent of its time to war work. Mr. Westendorf is widely and favorably known in business circles, where he is greatly respected for what he has accomplished, as well as for the honorable business principles which have always guided his actions and transactions. He is public-spirited and assists in movements for the generfal welfare, and is an active and constructive member of the Greater Dayton association and the Credit Men's association. With his family, he belongs to Holy Trinity Catholic church, and his name is enrolled on the membership of the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Westendorf was married August 24, 1898, to Miss Mary Elizabeth Mitchell, daughter of James Mitchell, of Dayton. She died March 30, 1908, leaving one daughter, Mary Catherine, who makes her home with her father.

Don C. Westerfield. Hand in hand in public usefulness is the wholesale druggist associated with the physician, and this mutual dependence is universally acknowledged as a condition of public safety. Healing remedies are older than doctors and as far back as one may delve in ancient lore he may find mention of medicaments for some of the ills that seem to have always afflicted the human race. At times the discovery of a new drug of surprising properties has wrought wonderful changes and has been even a factor in advancing civilization. Out of the hands of the superstitious and ignorant, the lawful ministration of drugs has long since passed, and the careful compiling of remedies by the manufacturing pharmacists of reliability and repute is such as to give the men connected with this vocation high standing in any community's business and professional circles. Don C. Westerfield, president of The Westerfield Pharmacal company, of Dayton, has been identified with this business for more than a quarter of a century, during which time he has become widely and favorably known as a manufacturing pharmacist of professional expertness and busi-

ness honor. He was born at Van Wert, Ohio, June 4, 1873, and received his early education in the public schools of his native place and the high school at Orrville. Having decided upon his career, he next took a course at the College of Pharmacy, at Ada, Ohio, from which he was graduated in 1892. Subsequently he came to Dayton, where he received the appointment as druggist at the State hospital and acted in that capacity for one and one-half years. In May, 1894, in partnership with J. C. Vossler, he founded and established the Vossler Drug company, which continued as a partnership for something under eight years. In 1901 Mr. Westerfield purchased Mr. Vossler's interests and the business was incorporated for $100,000, under the style of The Westerfield Pharmacal company, which name it still bears. The company operates as pharmaceutical manufacturers and manufacturers for physicians and druggists, and in their regular business handle a full line of physicians' supplies of all kinds. Twenty people are employed in the large sanitary plant at No. 25 East Third street, to which the business was taken in 1906, and six traveling salesmen are kept constantly on the road, their territory being in Ohio, Pennsylvania and Indiana. The products of this concern are widely known for their purity and absolute reliability and the company itself bears an excellent reputation and standing in business circles. At the time of the incorporation these officers were chosen: Don C. Westerfield, president; W. C. Keim, vice-president; Neil Stire, secretary, and N. F. Berkeley, treasurer. The same officers are still in charge. Mr. Westerfield has a number of other business interests and is president of the C. M. Bundy company, of Indianapolis, Ind. He is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner, and belongs to the Dayton and Rotary clubs and the Miami Golf club. Also, he belongs to the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, and to the Y. M. C. A., of which he has for the past six years been a member of the board of trustees. June 29, 1913, Mr. Westerfield was united in marriage with Daisy May, daughter of David Tipton, of Delaware, Ohio.

Austin Thomas Whiteside, D. D. S. One of the veteran dental practitioners of Dayton, Dr. Austin Thomas Whiteside has followed professional practice in this city for more than forty-five years, during which time he has built up a reputation for splendid skill and unswerving adherence to the highest ethics of his calling. His career has been characterized by the gaining and maintaining of a patronage of the most desirable class, and the confidence which he gained during the early years of his practice has grown and strengthened during the passage of four and one-half decades. Doctor Whiteside was born at Seville, Medina county, Ohio, December 26, 1851, and secured his education in the public schools of the place of his birth. In young manhood he became attracted to the dental art, and his inclination led him into study under the preceptorship of one of Seville's pioneer dentists, Dr. F. K. Thorp. Under his instruction the young man became highly proficient, and in 1874 he came to Dayton and entered practice on his own account. He has always carried on a general practice, and now maintains well-appointed and splendidly equipped offices at No. 61 Callahan Bank building. Among his patrons at this time are many whose fathers

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and grandfathers had the services of the venerable practitioner in the earlier days, and his family practice is one of the largest and most prominent in the city. Doctor Whiteside belongs to the various professional bodies of his calling, and is a well-known Mason. He is a member of the Second Church of Christ, Christian Science. Mrs. Whiteside was formerly Mrs. Sarah Porter, of Dayton. By a former wife Dr. Whiteside became the father of one son, Dr. Howard A. Whiteside, D. D. S., of New York city, a graduate of the Ohio Dental college at Cincinnati, where he was demonstrator on crown and bridge work for several years and is the inventor of the miniature dental engine.

Rolla R. Whitmer. For something more than ten years the business known as Whitmer Brothers has occupied a recognized place among the substantial and honorable establishments of Dayton, where those who have conducted its affairs have been leaders in promoting new methods for the considerate, dignified and reverent care of the dead consigned to them in their capacity as funeral directors and embalmers. The present proprietor of the business is Rolla R. Whitmer, who has been connected with this line of work throughout his life, and whose training has included courses at several leading schools of the art and instruction under able and competent men. Mr. Whitmer was born at Pleasant Hill, Ohio, April 19, 1878, a son of George W. and Amanda (Patty) Whitmer, the former born at Pleasant Hill, Ohio, and the latter in Miami county, Ohio. George W. Whitmer, who was engaged in general merchandising and funeral directing for more than half a century, and was one of the founders of the present business, is now living in retirement at Pleasant Hill. He is a member of the Christian church and fraternally is affiliated with the Masons and Odd Fellows. He and his wife are the parents of two children: Lovia, the wife of D. L. Strayer, of Pleasant Hill, Ohio; and Rolla R. Rolla R. Whitmer received his education in the public schools of Pleasant Hill and at Miami university, Oxford, Ohio, from which latter institution he was graduated with the class of 1899. At that time he associated himself in business with his father, but later, feeling that he needed school training in the vocation which he had chosen for his life work, entered Meyers College of Embalming, at Springfield, Ohio, March 17, 1899. He then returned to the business, but later took a postgraduate course at the Cincinnati College of Embalming, and was graduated therefrom October 24, 1908. The business of Whitmer Brothers was founded by George W. and W. W. Whitmer, at Covington, Ohio, and Pleasant Hill, Ohio, about 1894, and continued in those places until 1915, when the brothers retired from the business. In 1909 Rolla R. Whitmer came to Dayton and established the business of which he is the sole proprietor and which is located at 704 N. Main street. Mr. Whitmer is modern in his methods, and in June, 1913, motorized his equipment, being the first in the city to do so, and at this time the equipment includes a motor ambulance and several limousines. This house, also, was the first to establish a residence place of business, and the Whitmer establishments at this time consists of a chapel, office, show rooms and embalming rooms, and two capable and courteous assistants are in attendance. The

garage is under the same roof with the parlors and the entire establishment is one of the best appointed in the city, showing the taste and discretion of the proprietor. Mr. Whitmer combines business ability with the necessary qualities of a man engaged in his profession, and has won a place in both public confidence and the esteem of his associates. He is a member of the Westminster Presbyterian church, and is a prominent fraternalist, being a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, and a member of the Mystic Shrine, and also belongs to the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. Socially he is a member of the Kiwanis and Criterion clubs, and he likewise holds membership in the Sons of Veterans, his father having served from 1862 to 1865 in Company G, 110th regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war. Mr. Whitmer was married October 11, 1911; to Miss Winifred P., daughter of James H. and Rose (Cowley) Ball, of Steubenville, Ohio, and they have three children: Kenneth S., Jack B. and Jane Elizabeth.

Jacob D. Whitmore. During a long period of years the late Jacob D. Whitmore was closely identified with the commercial interests of Dayton, and during that period established an excellent record for business integrity and ability of a high order. Likewise, as a citizen he belonged to that class of men who have community interests at heart, and in no respect did he ever fail in discharging the duties of citizenship. Mr. Whitmore was born at Chambersburg, Pa., November 20, 1842, a son of Jacob D. and Anna Caroline (Haegy) Whitmore, natives of the same place. Jacob D. Whitmore was a dry goods merchant at Chambersburg, and about 1850 brought his family to Dayton, where he and his worthy wife rounded out long and honorable lives. Jacob D. Whitmore the younger was about eight years of age when he accompanied his parents to Dayton, and here his education was completed in the public schools, and in his young manhood he read law under Nat. Jordan. As a youth he went to work in the Barney & Smith Car works, where he learned the trade of car decorating, but subsequently gave up this vocation to enter the coal business with Samuel Dickey. At the time of that gentleman's death he embarked in business on his own account, and through good business ability, untiring energy and the following out of a policy of business integrity made a decided success of his affairs and established himself as one of the substantial business men of the city. He also had numerous other business connections, having large and important holdings in the oil industry, and was identified with the Chamber of Commerce and the U. T. C. He was also a charter member of the Dayton City club and held membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he and the members of his family belonged to the First Baptist church. Mr. Whitmore's entire life was one of honorable participation in the events and activities of the city, and when he died, February 10, 1916, he left many behind to mourn him who had learned to know and appreciate the qualities which elevated him to a place beyond many of his contemporaries. October 20, 1874, Mr. Whitmore married Sarah Belle, daughter of Henry L. and Sarah B. (Browning) Brown, of Dayton, and to this union there were born four children: Ashley B., of Dayton; Caroline H., the wife of A. W. Marshall, of Columbus,

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Ohio; Jacob D. III, of Salt Lake City, Utah; and E. Noel, of Dayton. Mrs. Whitmore, who survives her husband and resides at 543 W. Second street, Dayton, is one of the oldest native-born residents of the city, having been born March 1, 1848, on the present site of the Phillips house, and was educated here in the public schools.

Bartlett Whitteker. Ever since the time that he completed his educational training, Bartlett Whitteker has been identified with the drug business. Entering upon his connection therewith as a traveling salesman, when little more than a youth, he has steadily advanced through consecutive stages to the presidency of one of Dayton's large and important wholesale drug houses—The Whitteker-Gwinner Drug Company. Mr. Whitteker was born at Covington, Ky., July 18, 1857, and received his education in the public schools of his native place. As a lad he secured some knowledge of drugs through his connection with a local pharmacy, and when he went to Cincinnati found employment with the drug house of Lloyd Brothers. This concern placed him on the road as a member of its staff of traveling representatives, and until 1899 he continued to act in this capacity, gaining a wide acquaintance, much experience and a thorough knowledge not alone of the business but of the wants and needs of the trade. He was variously connected at Dayton during the following seven years, but in 1906 settled down permanently as a factor in the business life of the city when he became the main factor in the establishment of the business known as The Whitteker-Gwinner Drug Company, of which concern he became president, a position which he has since held. A. F. Gwinner, one of his associates in the founding of this business, was vice-president until his death, June 12, 1912; and F. H. Althius is secretary and treasurer of the business, which is capitalized at $50,000. Mr. Whitteker is widely known in the drug trade as a man of sound integrity and high business principles, and few men have more or sincerer friends than "Bart" Whitteker. He is a popular member of the United Commercial Travelers, and his religious connection is with the Westminster Presbyterian church, he being at this time secretary of the Sunday school. April 14, 1897, Mr. Whitteker was united in marriage with Nancy, daughter of J. H. P. Stone, of Urbana, Ohio, and to this union there have been born two children: Lucie Novell, who resides with her parents; and John Stone, of New Britain, Conn.

Alva N. Wilcox. For many years Dayton has been the home of some of the largest manufacturing companies in the United States, but that the field was not entirely covered has been proved by the success that has attended some recent enterprises of great merit, one of which is the Dayton Wire Wheel company, which was established here in 1916 by Alva N. Wilcox, a well-known business man and mechanical engineer of this city. Mr. Wilcox was born at Sandusky, Ohio, July 13, 1873. His father, the late Charles K. Wilcox, was a resident of Dayton from 1881 until his death and his family was reared here. For many years he was connected with the Pinneo-Daniels company, his demise severing the association. After completing the public school course, Alva N. Wilcox entered the Ohio State university and was graduated in the class of 1905 with the degree of M. E., E. E. For the next eleven years he was identified with

the Pinneo-Daniels company, then, in 1916, organized the Dayton Wire Wheel company, to which enterprise he has devoted his efforts ever since, bringing his concern into well deserved prominence. Mr. Wilcox was married in 1898 to Miss Mary Glenn Crosley, daughter of Benjamin Crosley, and they have one daughter, Marianna. He is a member of the Dayton Bicycle club, and the Society of Automotive engineers.

Harry J. Williams. At the present time when, like the fabled Old Man of the Sea, competition rides on almost every branch of human activity, successful accomplishment demands decided superiority. This is true in the hamlets, the towns, the village four-corners, but it is applicable in a much greater degree in the large cities and in those lines of specialized work where the best brains and the most specialized training are called into play for the perfection of each intricate detail, striving to produce absolute efficiency and to secure the advantage from each new trend of circumstances. Whether in the professions, in productive lines, in work of a promotive character or in the great markets of the world, each individual finds equally keen strife ahead of him; and when the fight has been made with vigor, nerve and discernment, when success is acquired, half the compensation comes from a realization of having come a victor from a conflict worthy of one's steel. The career of Harry J. Williams, of Dayton, may be said to be but just commenced. Yet in the few short years that he has been engaged in his specialized work he has fought for recognition of his superior talent and abilities, and has eventually come forth a victor, in that he is now accounted one of the leading architects of his city. Mr. Williams was born at Ithaca, N. Y., November 4, 1880, a son of De Alt L. Williams, and there spent his boyhood, his early education being acquired in the public schools. Later he went with his parents to Susquehanna, Pa., where he received his high school training, and finally he entered Cornell university, where he took a course in architectural engineering and received his degree as a member of the class of 1903. His first experience was with S. O. Lacey, of Binghamton, N. Y., with whom he remained two months, then severing the connection to return to his native city of Ithaca, where for six months he was identified with William H. Miller, a well-known architect of that community. Largely through the urging of his former classmate, Harry I. Schenck, Mr. Williams came to Dayton in 1903 and entered the office of Frank M. Andrews, by whom Mr. Schenck was employed. After eight months, they formed the partnership of Schenck & Williams, which has since become one of the leading firms of architects in the city. Among the work done by this concern may be mentioned: The Mutual Home building (where they have their offices), the Lindsey building, the Dayton Savings and Trust company, the Third Baptist church, the Wayne Avenue fire engine house, additions to the Ludlow street arcade, Evangelical Association church, Dayton View Baptist church, E. C. Harley building, Dayton Lumber Company's new building, Beaver Power building, First Street Christian church, Dayton Biscuit Company's plant, Delco factories, Buckeye iron foundry, Schwind building, Young Woman's Christian association building, Rike-Kumler building,

Dayton Gas company office, Union Storage warehouse building, First Baptist church, George Shaw building, Dayton View school, Jefferson school, Colorado Avenue Baptist church, Conservancy Building and Engineering club. Mr. Williams interests himself in public-spirited movements calculated to advance the general welfare, but has not sought nor desired public positions of preferment. He belongs to the Gargoyle fraternity, a Cornell organization, and is a thirty-second degree Mason and a Shriner.

Edward O. Willoughby, M. D., county coroner and a physician of recognized standing and capability, has been the incumbent of his official position for only a short period, but has been active in a professional capacity at Dayton since 1901. During this period he has thoroughly established himself in public confidence as a skilled and learned practitioner and as a conscientious exponent of the science of homeopathic medicine. Doctor Willoughby was born at Westerville, Ohio, August 16, 1874, and when a lad was brought by his parents to Dayton, where he received his early educational instruction in the public schools. He was later graduated from the Cleveland Homeopathic institute with the class of 1901, receiving the degree of M. D., and for something less than a year served as interne in the Huron Road hospital. October 12, 1901, he established himself in practice at Dayton, where he has since built up a large and representative clientele and has advanced steadily in reputation and in the accumulation of material remuneration. He is a valued member of the Dayton Homeopathic society, the Ohio State Homeopathic society and the American Homeopathic society and holds a high place in the esteem of his fellow-practitioners. November 4, 1918, he was elected coroner of Montgomery County, Ohio, a position in which he is alert, practical and constantly active in his labors not only to promptly and impartially try the actual cases which necessarily come before him, but to devise all possible means of safeguarding and prevention. Doctor Willoughby is popular with his fellow-members in the Order of Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Knights of Pythias, Modern Woodmen of America and Red Men. January 24, 1910, he was united in marriage with Anna C. Jansen, of Fresno, Calif., and they are the parents of one child: Edward O., jr.

Ambrose Alexander Winters. The late Ambrose Alexander Winters was one of the distinguished residents of Dayton for a number of years, his name being recorded with others who have served in the capacity of president of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce. Of him it may be truly said that his life was filled with usefulness and worthy achievement; his unfailing loyalty, his love of justice, his deals of goodness, his knowledge of men and his earnestness of purpose, made him one on whom all could rely; it was recognized that he never acted from any other motive than the best; he exemplified in his conduct all the attributes of the true altruist. Leading attorney, prominent business man, home lover and loyal citizen, he rounded out his period of life as a true man, and departing left an enduring record of public and private life that all might emulate. Mr. Winters was born at West Alexandria, Ohio, September 16, 1847, a son of John P. and Sarah (Alexander) Winters. His father,

who was born at Germantown, Ohio, was for some years a farmer in the vicinity of West Alexandria, where he married a young woman who was a native of that place, but later went to Springfield, where he established himself in the grocery business. Subsequently, he turned his attention to the printing and lithographing business at Springfield, and continued therein until his death, in 1900, Mrs. Winters surviving until 1915. They were the parents of six children, as follows: Mary, of Springfield; Currance, Ambrose A. and Charles E., all deceased; and Robert P. and Beniah H., of Springfield. Ambrose Alexander Winters was granted good educational advantages, attending the public schools of West Alexandria and Springfield, and then pursuing a course at Wittenberg college. When he graduated from that institution, he began the study of law at William college, from which he was duly graduated with his degree of Bachelor of Law, and immediately came to Dayton and settled down to the practice of his profession. He began as a general practitioner but events so shaped themselves that he became somewhat of a specialist in several fields of his calling, and, becoming more and more connected with business affairs, was gradually drawn into participation in them. Eventually he became manager and attorney for the Mutual Home Building and Savings company, and continued to be connected therewith until his death, March 18, 1895. Mr. Winters was a keen business man, as well as an excellent lawyer, and was quick to see and grasp opportunities. His many sterling qualities were recognized by his associates and he was several times elected as president of the Chamber of Commerce. He also served as manager of the Law Library, and his connection with civic matters was one which reflected benefit upon the city. His principal social connection was with the Dayton City club, but his home was his refuge and fortress from the surgings and conflicts of public and business life. November 12, 1890, Mr. Winters was married to Miss Anna Orne, who was born at Philadelphia, Pa., and educated in the public schools there, a daughter of Edward B. and Elizabeth (Boldin) Orne, of the Quaker City. Two children were born to this union: Ambrose A., jr., captain Headquarters company 148th Infantry, American Expeditionary Forces, France; and Louise Alexander, the wife of Capt. Robert T. Fisher, of Boston, Mass. Mrs. Winters, who survives her husband, resides at her pleasant home, at 317 West Superior street.

William L. Wirsching. Among those whose alertness and enterprise have stamped them as belonging essentially to the men of action of Dayton, is found William L. Wirsching. Mr. Wirsching has made excellent use of the opportunities which have been given him for advancement, and at present finds himself the proprietor of an established business of value and importance, the Buckeye Wagon works. Mr. Wirsching was born at Dayton, January 30, 1879, a son of Harmon Wirsching, who is still a resident of this city. As a lad William L. Wirsching's educational advantages were confined to attendance at the public schools and when he was still a lad he began learning the printing business with the Walker Lithograph company. Subsequently, he entered the employ of the Haas Bicycle company, as bookkeeper, and from that concern went to the business

of Mose Cohen. When he left the latter's employ, it was to accept the post of stenographer with the Buckeye Wagon works. From observations which he had made while acting as stenographer, Mr. Wirsching was convinced that the business could be made a paying venture, and March 6, 1911, he backed his judgment with his means and purchased the enterprise. From that date to the present the venture has been a profitable one, and the plant, located at Nos. 34 and 36 N. Canal street, has grown in size and efficiency. Formerly devoted exclusively to wagon work, it caters at this time to heavy automobile and truck business, and fifteen people are given steady employment. Mr. Wirsching's business success has been gained through the courage to accept an offered opportunity and the ability and energy to carry through his plans to a prosperous conclusion. He is a thorough business man, and during his entire career has maintained a high standard of business ethics, so that his standing is high. Fraternally Mr. Wirsching is a York Rite and Scottish Rite Mason of the thirty-second degree. September 17, 1901, he married Edith, daughter of William F. Kramer, of Dayton, and they have two children: W. Kramer and Mary.

John T. Wolfe, of the firm of Sebold & Wolfe, is one of the prominent civil engineers and surveyors of Dayton, and while he has never enjoyed a technical training in any of the accredited institutions devoted to his specialty, his education being virtually confined to the public schools of Dayton, his accomplishments have been numerous and notable. He was born at Dayton, August 27, 1864, a son of John T. and Susan H. (Rench) Wolfe. John T. Wolfe the elder was born in Germany and was a young man when he emigrated to the United States, settling immediately at Dayton, where he was married, and where he first was the proprietor of a grocery store and later of a queensware establishment on Lane street. Both he and his wife are deceased. After attending the public schools of Dayton, John T. Wolfe, the younger, clerked in different stores, including his father's, and then went to North Dakota, where for a time he was engaged in farming near Bismarck. Returning to Dayton, he secured a position with R. P. Sebold, who had started in business May 1, 1890, as a civil engineer and surveyor. Mr. Wolfe's connection with him began in 1899, and in 1908 a partnership was formed, as Sebold & Wolfe, which firm now has offices at 505 Ludlow building. Among the commissions executed by this firm may be mentioned the Oakwood extension, Adam Schantz estate, George Albert subdivision, Miami Paper company, West Carrollton; Huffman & Weaver subdivision, and numerous others. About the year 1910, Mr. Wolfe began to assist Mr. Sebold in his contracting, and this has since become an important part of the business. Mr. Wolfe commands facilities of the most complete character, enabling him to execute promptly and efficiently all commissions entrusted to his care, and bears a high reputation for the fidelity with which he guards all confided interests. December 20, 1887, Mr. Wolfe married Minnie M., daughter of Henry and Sarah Jane (Snyder) Mayer, of Montgomery county, Ohio, and they have one son: Earl T., of Benton Harbor, Mich.

John Duncan Wonder, M. D. The records of the city of Dayton show that the physicians of that city are fully abreast of modern scientific progress and discovery, and that the men belonging to this most important of all learned professions rank with the foremost in the land. They are skilled and carefully trained, not only by general practice, but through years of study and preparation, and in their hands the bodily welfare of those under their charge is fully protected. Among the physicians of Dayton who by reason of thorough training and experience have gained public confidence and professional prestige is found Dr. John Duncan Wonder, who has been engaged in practice in this city since 1905. He was born here October 27, 1880, and secured his early education in the public schools, following which he attended the Pulte Medical college and graduated with his degree in the class of 1905. For three years he attended the New York Post-Graduate college, subsequently doing post-graduate work at the Cincinnati Medical college, and in 1905 began general practice at Dayton. He has built up a splendid professional business and has also earned a prominent place in the ranks of his calling. August 3, 1917, Doctor Wonder enlisted in the United States Medical Corps, and was subsequently commissioned first lieutenant and assigned to the X-ray department. There he rendered valuable service until receiving his honorable discharge December 19, 1918, at which time he resumed his regular practice in his offices at Third and Grimes streets. He is a member of the Homeopathic Medical society, the Ohio State Homeopathic Medical society and the American Institute of Homeopathy, and belongs also to the Alpha Sigma medical fraternity and is a thirty-second degree, Scottish-Rite Mason, a Knight Templar and a Shriner. He likewise holds membership in the Chamber of Commerce, the Y. M. C. A., and the Miami Valley Golf club. May 2, 1906, Doctor Wonder married Miss Beulah, daughter of Louis Gebhart, of Norwood, Hamilton county.

James Richard Woodhull, a prominent business citizen of Dayton, engaged in extensive operations as a dealer in investments and securities, is distinctively a product of Dayton and its institutions and a typical representative of the restless energy and progressive spirit of the times. He was born in this city, May 31, 1879, a son of Morris Woodhull, the latter being a native of New York City, who came to Dayton as a youth in 1858. Morris Woodhull became a well-known business man of the city of his adoption, being for some time occupied as a dealer in seeds and agricultural implements, but later embarked in the manufacturing business and some years ago retired on a well-earned competence. James Richard Woodhull attended the public graded and high schools of Dayton, and after his graduation from the Steele high school, of which so many of Dayton's leading business men are graduates, entered his father's factory, where he spent some years in familiarizing himself with business principles and methods. In 1904, he embarked in business on his own account, as a dealer in investments and securities, as J. R. Woodhull & Company, and in 1913, John H. Brubaker was admitted as a partner, this furnishing the present personnel of the company. The principal business of the firm is dealing in investments with

banks and estates, and well-appointed offices are maintained at 703, 704 and 705 Schwind building. Mr. Woodhull is prominently known in business circles and a valued member of the Chamber of Commerce. He belongs also to the Y. M. C. A., in the work of which he takes much interest, as he does likewise in movements of a beneficial civic and educational nature. He holds membership in the Dayton and Rotary clubs.

Philip H. Worman. Numbered among the members of the Dayton bar who have attained to positions of prominence, is Philip H. Worman. With such qualifications, at a bar numbering practitioners of the first class in ability and experience, he has attracted, with accumulated experience and reputation, a large clientage and profitable employment as a counsellor. Mr. Worman was born at Dayton, O., May 13, 1882, a son of Walter and Nannie E. (Dye) Worman, and belongs to one of the old and honored families of this city, his grandfather being the late Methuselah Worman. His father, who was widely known in business circles of Dayton, died here after a successful and well rounded out career, April 1, 1915. Philip H. Worman attended the public schools of his native city and after his graduation from the Steele High school entered upon his studies for his profession at the University of Virginia. He was duly graduated from that famous southern institution in 1904, and, returning to Dayton, was admitted to the bar in December of the same year. He began practice here with his brother, H. D. Worman, and they continued in association until the death of the latter, since which time Mr. Worman has practiced alone, his offices now being at No. 712 Schwind building. His practice has been of a general character and his professional work has been conducted upon a high plane. His reputation has been that of a thoroughly learned and sound lawyer, a logical and convincing reasoner and a persuasive and successful advocate. He holds membership in the Montgomery County Bar association, the Ohio State Bar association and the American Bar association, and his standing is excellent among his fellow-practitioners. As a public-spirited citizen, he has joined other virile and energetic men in the advancement of movements which have had for their aim the betterment of Dayton, its institutions and its laws, and in this connection his work has always been of a constructive and progressive nature.

Z. N. Wright, D. D. S. Prominent among the dental practitioners of Dayton who through marked proficiency in their calling have reached places of high professional preferment, is found Dr. Z. N. Wright. Engaged in practice at Dayton since 1907, he has been in the enjoyment of a constantly increasing professional business, which has each year grown in volume and importance. Doctor Wright is a native of Ohio, born on a farm near Lynchburg, Highland county, June 8, 1875. After finishing the work in the country school, he attended New Vienna High school, taking a teacher's training course and taught his first school before he was seventeen years old. Having been attracted to the profession of dentistry in 1895 he entered the Ohio College of Dental Surgery, at Cincinnati, from which he was graduated with the class of 1898, having received honorable mention in attainments and receiving the

degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. He began his career at Tippecanoe City, where he built up a satisfying practice, but found the limits of that thriving little city too small, and accordingly, in 1907, changed his base of activity to the city of Dayton in order that he might have a larger and more prolific field for the demonstration of his abilities. During the more than twelve years in which he has followed his calling at Dayton he has succeeded in attracting a large and representative clientele and in establishing himself firmly in public confidence and in the esteem and respect of his fellow-practitioners who recognize in him one who adheres strictly to the highest standard of professional ethics.

A suite of offices are maintained at No. 730 Fidelity Medical building, where Doctor Wright has a very neat and attractive office fully equipped. Doctor Wright is a valued and popular member of the Miami valley Dental Society, having served as president and on various committees, the Ohio State Dental society, of which he was president during the term 1917-1918; the Eastern Dental society, and the National Dental association. While at college he joined the Delta Sigma Delta fraternity, and also holds membership in Stillwater Lodge of the Masonic Order. In his church affiliation, he is a member of the Society of Friends. As a citizen he has participated in various movements for the civic welfare, and is active in the work of the Dayton View Improvement association. Doctor Wright was married October 17, 1899, to Elsie A., daughter of Anthony and Elizabeth (Lupton) Wright, of New Vienna, Ohio, and they are the parents of four children, all at home: Mabel Elizabeth, Mary Louise, Dorothy Mae and Donna Carolyn.

Morris Zapoleon. Among the most prominent of the self-made, self-reliant and progressive men of this city is Morris Zapoleon, secretary and treasurer of the Barney & Smith Car company and for some years closely identified with various other large interests. Mr. Zapoleon's career has been rather short, and for that reason his achievements are all the more creditable and noteworthy. He was born in Grodno, Poland, August 14, 1889, a son of Samuel M. and Pauline (Abrams) Zapoleon. When still a child he was brought by his parents to the United States and his education was secured in the public schools of Cincinnati and the Steele High school, Dayton, following his graduation from which he secured a position with the American Pure Coffee & Spice company. In 1908, he entered the government employ at St. Louis, Mo., but in 1909 returned to Dayton and entered the offices of the Barney & Smith Car company, in the capacity of stenographer. His advancement here was rapid, he being promoted first to bookkeeper, then to accountant, next to assistant secretary, then to vice-president and treasurer, and, June 1, 1918, to secretary and treasurer, which positions he now holds. Mr. Zapoleon, with shrewd business instinct and acumen, has connected himself with a number of other leading business concerns and is now vice-president and a director of the Dayton Realty company, treasurer of the Middletown Lumber company and secretary and treasurer of the Dayton Investment and Realty company. Already ranking among the best as a business man, Mr. Zapoleon has made the most of his talents and the opportunities thrown his way; has de-

veloped a strong influence in a big city and has associated with men of power and strength. He is a man of earnest purpose and progressive principles, his judgment is sound and his sagacity keen, and few men are better informed upon important business issues that lie within his province. He has proved his worth as a citizen, as well, and is an active member of the Greater Dayton association and the Y. M. C. A. He married October 19, 1912, Virginia Moskowitz, daughter of J. D. Moskowitz, of Dayton, and they have one daughter: Joan Muriel.

Samuel M. Zapoleon. A firmly established position in the confidence of the general public is necessarily indicative of the individual who has won such position. This confidence has been placed in Dr. Samuel M. Zapoleon, who since 1901 has been engaged in the practice of optometry at Dayton, where he has built up a large and representative clientele and gained himself an established place in the ranks of his calling. He was born at Grodno, West Russia, in November, 1851, and was given a good education in the institutions of his native land, where for many years he was identified with commercial affairs. Prior to coming to the United States he was successfully engaged in the handling of realty, but in 1901 disposed of his interests in his native land and emigrated to America, his first location being at Cincinnati, Ohio. There he established himself in the optical business, and after a short time enrolled as a student at the Northern Illinois College of Ophthalmology and Otology, and was graduated from that institution with the class of 1901. At that time he came to Dayton, where he began the practice of his profession, and since then has built up a large practice. He has fully-equipped and well-appointed offices at No. 20 Arcade building. Doctor Zapoleon is a valued member of the Miami Optical society, the Ohio Optical society and the American Optical association and stands high in the esteem of his fellow-practitioners.

Theron K. Zehring. The banking interests of Germantown, Ohio, are carefully looked after by men of sound judgment and practical business experience and perhaps no banking institutions in the lesser cities of the state, are in better financial shape, this being particularly true in the Farmers & Citizens Savings bank, of which Theron K. Zehring is cashier. Mr. Zehring came to this institution possessed of considerable bank experience, and his association with it may be named as an asset. Careful and conservative as he is, his courteous manner and accommodating spirit have made many friends for the institution. He is never too much engaged to "talk things over" in a friendly spirit with patrons. Mr. Zehring was born at Germantown, Ohio, September 23, 1877, son of Daniel W. and Mary (Kercher) Zehring. Both parents were born in Montgomery county, Ohio. The mother is deceased but the father survives and resides at Germantown, a retired hardware merchant. A republican in politics, at one time he served as township clerk, but never was active in the political field. He is secretary of the Odd Fellows lodge at Germantown, and is a member of the United Brethren church. He has but two sons, Victor E. and Theron K., the former of whom is a resident of Toledo, Ohio. Theron K. Zehring attended the public schools at Germantown, his early educational advantages

extending no further. He then became identified with the Cincinnati Northern railway and for ten years was with that system as freight agent. After retiring from railroad work, he was bookkeeper for the First National Bank of Germantown for one year, after which for three years he was with the First Savings & Banking Company of Dayton, and from that institution came to the Farmers & Citizens Savings bank as cashier. February 2, 1910, he married Miss Ada, daughter of Joseph and Eliza (Law) Henry, of Germantown, and they have two daughters, Mary Victorina and Martha Jane. He is a member of the Masonic lodge at Germantown, of which he is past master, and also of the Knights of Pythias and the Odd Fellows.

Michael Zimmer. A resident of the southwestern part of Ohio since 1870, Michael Zimmer has been a citizen who has won the unreserved confidence of all with whom he has had any business relations. He is a native of Wittenburg, Germany, born August 14, 1854, a son of George and Margaret (Hornberger) Zimmer. His parents, honest and honorable farming people of Germany, passed their entire lives there on their modest little property, rearing their children to lives of industry and doing their part as faithful members of the Lutheran church. There were three children in the family; one daughter who is deceased; Margaret, the wife of George Fisher, of Stuttgart; and Michael. Michael Zimmer was educated in the public schools in his native tongue, and, at the age of sixteen years, having concluded to try his fortunes in America, where he had heard that opportunities for success were plentifully found on every hand for the young and ambitious, he set sail from Bremen in a steamship and eventually made port at New York City. From that metropolis he came at once to Montgomery county, arriving at Phillipsburg, June 28, 1870, with a cash capital of less than $10. Thus he was compelled to make his start in a strange country, not one word of whose language could he speak, with no knowledge of its customs and without financial backing. This, however, did not discourage the youth. During the first six months he made his home with his uncle, Michael Hornberger, and then secured labor as a farm hand, at $10 per month. Mr. Zimmer worked faithfully and industriously on farms, sending a part of his wages to his parents and thriftily saving what he could out of the balance, and by July 8, 1877, was ready to be married and establish a home of his own. For his bride he chose Laura B. Taylor, and they became the parents of three children, of whom two are living: Arthur W., and Alfred T. Arthur W. Zimmer is a successful merchant of Middletown, and Republican in politics. He is married, and he and his wife are members of the United Brethren church at Phillipsburg. Mrs. Zimmer was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, November 6, 1859, a daughter of Alfred and Martha (Thomas) Taylor, the former a native of England, who had come as a young man to the United States where he became a farmer, sawyer and builder. While he began on the lowest rung of the ladder, Mr. Taylor possessed the ability to succeed, and eventually accumulated a splendid farm and one of the best properties at Phillipsburg. He and his wife were members of the Christian church, in the erection of which he had aided and in which he served as a deacon for some years. He was a Republican in his

political views, and his fraternal affiliation was with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His remains lie interred in the Dunkard cemetery, where a beautiful monument marks his last resting-place. Mrs. Taylor, a native of Montgomery county, still survives, with a clear and active mind at the age of eighty-six years. Mrs. Zimmer was educated in the common schools and through their long and happy married life has been her husband's constant guide and counselor and his loving helpmate in the establishment of their home. Mr. Zimmer is a Republican, and was the first postmaster at Phillipsburg. During the great war, he was active in assisting a number of patriotic movements and one of his proudest possessions is the medal which he won in disposing of Thrift Stamps. He continued to follow agricultural pursuits for about seven years after his marriage, and then entered general merchandising in partnership with Alfred Taylor, his father-in-law, at Phillipsburg. This association continued for about twenty years, following which Mr. Zimmer operated alone for a time, and then in association with his son Arthur until September, 1918, when he and his son Alfred engaged in the general merchandise business at Brookville. This business has already proven a success, and both father and son have succeeded in winning the entire confidence of the community. Mr. Zimmer the elder is a member of the Independent Order of Foresters, and he and Mrs. Zimmer are devout members of the Christian church at Phillipsburg. No couple is more worthy the respect and esteem of the community or of representation in a work dealing with the leading people of the Miami Valley.

Alfred T. Zimmer, son of Michael Zimmer, and engaged with his father in general merchandising as M. Zimmer & Son, is one of the alert and enterprising business men of the younger generation at Brookville who will assist in bearing the responsibility for the future advancement and development of the country's commercial resources. He was born February 7, 1883, in Montgomery county, where he was reared, and attended the public schools of Phillipsburg, although he is largely self-educated. He began to assume the responsibilities of self-support at the age of seventeen years, at which time he entered the store of his father and grandfather, but after two years went to Dayton. Following his marriage, he took up farming, but after nine months' experience in taking care of an estate decided that an agricultural life was not suited to his abilities, and went to Dayton, where he became a salesman in a general department store. He remained three years with that concern, then joining his father in general merchandising at Phillipsburg, and after one year embarked in the grain and feed business at that point. During the next two years his business prospered and he purchased property, but saw a further opportunity and therefore disposed of his interests and bought a mill and grain elevator at Tippecanoe City, where he remained one year. Selling out, he entered the grocery business at the same place, remaining therein one and one-half years, and then traded his enterprise for a farm, of which he later made disposal. Returning to Dayton, he formed a $250,000 corporation for the manufacture of gas machines, of which he was general manager, but this concern was unfortunate in that its plant lay directly in the

course of the great flood of 1913, and the consequent damage, as well as the unsettling of general business conditions cancelled the expectations of the firm, which was abandoned. Mr. Zimmer then became a commercial traveler in the electrical supplies business for six or eight months, and about 1914 went to New York City, in the interests of manufacturing electrical machinery. After seven months he sold out and went to work for the W. T. Grant company, operating a chain of department stores, an enterprise in which he gained much valuable experience in regard to business details. By this company he was transferred to Scranton, Pa., for one year, and then to Norfolk, Va., where he remained eight months. Resigning his position, he came to his home for a brief stay, but subsequently went to New Lexington, Ohio, to manage a department store. After one year he bettered his condition by trading his interests for a first-class men's haberdashery store at Cambridge, Ohio, and remained as proprietor thereof until July 3, 1918. At that time he made a trip to Brookville, and was at once struck by the possibilities of business success in this thriving and growing community. The result was that he at once conferred with his father, and the firm of M. Zimmer & Son came into being. As noted above the business has been successful and the establishment is gaining new friends daily. Mr. Zimmer is independent in his political inclinations, preferring to use his own judgment in the choice of candidates to being bound down by party lines. May 4, 1904, Mr. Zimmer was married to Hazel A. Brown, who was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, April 7, 1885, a daughter of Calvin and Dorothy (Turney) Brown. Mrs. Zimmer was educated in the public schools, and she and her husband are faithful members of the United Brethren church at Brookville. They are the parents of one son: Otho B., who is in the seventh grade of the Brookville public school. Mr. and Mrs. Zimmer have formed a wide acquaintance at Dayton and Brookville in which they already have numerous warm and sincere friends.

Joshua Zweifel. In no department of human activity have there been made greater strides during the past few years than in photography. The man who succeeded several decades ago would find himself hopelessly in arrears should he, with no additional equipment, attempt to cope with the conditions of the present. Photographic portraiture is an art which admits of infinite conception, and requires varied knowledge and great capacity for painstaking in its development. The men who maintain its highest artistic methods necessarily have a thorough knowledge of human nature and are artistic and scholarly in their inclinations. Joshua Zweifel, to whom Dayton has looked for the best possible results attainable in his calling, and who has a patronage by no means limited to his immediate community, belongs to this class. Mr. Zweifel was born in the Canton of Glarus, Switzerland, December 25, 1873, a son of John Rudolph and Rosina (Voeglie) Zweifel, natives of that country. His father, a dairyman, was industrious and capable, but did not live long enough to make marked success in business, as he passed away in the prime of life, about the year 1880, in Switzerland. Feeling that better opportunities awaited her in the United States, in 1881 the widowed mother emigrated to this country, bringing with her

her five children. They located at Monroe, Wis., where they had relatives, and it was in the schools of that city that Joshua Zweifel received his educational training. He early demonstrated the possession of artistic inclinations and, being naturally drawn to photography, took up that occupation as a regular vocation and thoroughly mastered all its branches. His first enterprise was at Monroe, where he conducted a studio for several years, and his success was such that he was encouraged to try his fortunes in a larger city. Accordingly, in 1900, he came to Dayton and established himself in business, and has since continued therein with constantly increasing success and reputation. His studio, at No. 22 E. Third street, is light, airy and artistic, and in its equipment permits the most satisfactory results possible with present-day knowledge of photography. Mr. Zweifel is a member of the First Baptist church, of Dayton, in the work of which he takes an active interest. He has identified his political fortunes with the Republican party ever since he was old enough to judge political principles. As a fraternalist he is an enthusiastic and long-standing member of Dayton Lodge of the Masonic fraternity and of the York and Scottish Rite; is also a Shriner, and belongs to the Order of Odd Fellows, which he joined at Monroe, Wis. Also, he holds membership in the Dayton Rotary club. He is popular and widely known and to his other business qualifications adds those of courtesy, tact, obligingness and strict integrity. Mr. Zweifel was married October 4, 1899, to Miss Nora Rodrick, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Neuman) Rodrick, of Monroe, Wis.

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